Gloria expected to abolish PAOCTF today

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NDF leader suffers 'very mild' stroke

BY MARTIN P. MARFIL

ANTONIO Zumel, a former newsman who is now a peace panel adviser for the communist-led National Democratic Front (NDF), suffered a "very mild" stroke and is now confined at the intensive care unit of a Quezon City hospital.

Zumel's condition was apparently brought

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SSS, GSIS losses traced to Estrada

Bad investments in crony firms dried up agencies' funds

BY VICENTE G. TIROL

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THE SOCIAL Security System (SSS) lost a lot of money last year. Its net income plunged to less than P3 billion, partly because of its bad investments in the stock market.

Its losses, along with the six across-the-board-increases in pension benefits over the past 10 years without a corresponding adjustment in members' contributions, endanger its ability to provide benefits to members.

So, if you're a factory worker or an employee in a private company and looking forward to receiving a monthly pension from the SSS upon your retirement, don't dream about it yet.

The SSS may no longer be able to pay retirement benefits to members within the next seven or, at best, 14 years. This is contrary to previous expectations that the SSS would have enough funds to last 25 to 50 years.

Blame this piece of bad news on the almost P6 billion that the SSS lost to bad investments in corporations owned by cronies, or friends of cronies, of ousted President Joseph Estrada from 1998 till the end of 2000.

If you're among the members of the SSS or the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), who have had difficulty getting loans from these institutions, you would be interested to know that during Estrada's time some people have fared much better than you.

They got millions, if not billions,

SSS/ A20

DANCE OF THE NATIVES: After attending an Easter Sunday Mass at the St. Theresita Church in Asipulo, Ifugao, President Macapagal-Arroyo joins young natives in a cultural performance in the town's Barangay Nanduntog.
BEN MOSES EBREO

'URBI ET ORBI'

Pope: Easter gift of light for everyone

"MEN and women of the Third Millennium, the Easter gift of light that scatters the darkness of fear and sadness is meant for everyone."

The optimism that Pope John Paul expressed during his traditional "Urbi et Orbi" (Latin for "To the city and to the world") Easter message yesterday seemed in stark contrast to his physical limitations.

The left hand of the almost 81-year-old ailing Pontiff trembled markedly and his words were often slurred—symptoms of Parkinson's disease—and his figure was stooped.

But John Paul's voice was strong when he urged humanity to have hope on the holiest day of the Christian year.

"Rediscover today with joy and wonder that the world is no longer a slave to the inevitable. This world of ours can change: Peace is possible even where for too long there has been fighting and death, as in the Holy Land and Jerusalem," he said in the message, which was televised live to 47 countries.

Braving unusually chilly temperatures for a Roman spring, the Pontiff included a special plea for peace in the Middle East as he led tens of thousands of the faithful in late-morning Mass in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican.

Squinting in the sun, he also wished the world a happy Easter in 61 languages, including some spoken in the world's trouble spots such as Hebrew, Arabic, Albanian, Serbian, Macedonian, Tamil and Indonesian.

POPE/ A6

10-3 is more realistic outcome of Senate race

BY AMANDO DORONILA

ANALYSIS

THE 13-0 result sought by the People Power Coalition (PPC) and the 7-6 claim of the Puwersa ng Masa coalition are exaggerated wish lists that the rival coalitions would like to indulge in although these are not likely to materialize.

In the history of mid-term elections in the post-war years, no party has ever made a clean sweep in the senatorial polls. The 13-0 target of the PPC flies in the face of this historical reality.

Neither is it possible for the opposition ticket to win even a simple majority of the vacant Senate seats. The Puwersa ng Masa is on the defensive and is weighed down by the abominable legacy of corruption and incompetence left by deposed President Joseph Estrada.

A 10-3 result is more realistic.

To cite a historical reference, President Ramon Magsaysay ran a Senate ticket for eight vacant seats at the peak of his popularity in the 1957 mid-term elections. Magsaysay had just won an epic showdown on foreign policy with the Nacionalista Old Guards, composed of Senators Claro M. Recto, Jose P. Laurel and Eulogio Rodriguez Sr.

Magsaysay won the vote in the Nacionalista Party (NP) endorsing his commitment to support the United States in the conflict with China over the Formosa Strait. He made it an election issue. Recto could not accept the decision. This excluded him from the NP lineup. Recto ran for the Senate as a guest candidate of the then opposition Liberal Party; he never defected from the NP.

The election result was an overwhelming victory for the Magsaysay ticket, 7-1. The survivor was Recto, the LP guest who was really an NP member.

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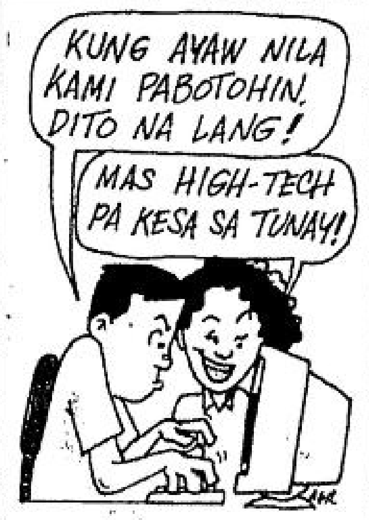
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MAS HIGH-TECH PA KESA SA TUNAY!

Unregistered youth 'votes' on Internet

BY DONA Z. PAZZIBUGAN

HE CANNOT cast his vote using a ballot so he may as well do it through the Internet.

Louie C. Sibug, a medical technology junior at the University of Sto. Tomas, said he was so frustrated when the special registration for new voters

UNREGISTERED/ A20

Arrest order for Erap out soon

BY VOLT CONTRERAS AND CHRISTINE HERRERA

THE SHERIFF'S Office of the Sandiganbayan is on its toes as any of its five branches may issue anytime warrants for the arrest of ousted President Joseph Estrada, former first lady Luisa Ejercito, their son San Juan Mayor Jinggoy Estrada and several others.

Sources at the anti-graft court had earlier said the arrest orders could start coming out immediately after the Holy Week break.

Estrada faces eight criminal cases, including the non-bailable charge of plunder.

The fisherfolk group Pamalakaya yesterday urged the Sandiganbayan to issue the arrest warrant against Estrada this week.

"The discredited leader is no ordinary lawbreaker. He's the country's public enemy No. 1," it said in a statement.

When the cases were raffled off on April 6, the court's 3rd, 4th and 5th divisions were assigned two charges each, while the 1st and 2nd divisions had one each.

From the day of the raffle, each division is given 10 days, including weekends and holidays, to determine probable cause.

ARREST/ A4

Malaysia alerted on Abu flight

BY ARMAND N. NOCUM, CARLITO S. PABLO AND JULIE ALIPALA-INOT

A STERN President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday offered the "peace of the graveyard" to Abu Sayyaf kidnappers unless they surrender, as a senior aide said the government has alerted Malaysia to look out for bandits attempting to flee across the border.

"There will be no peace table for them," Ms Macapagal warned the former kidnappers of freed American hostage Jeffrey Schilling.

As the released captive prepared to leave yesterday for California after being debriefed by local and US officials, his Filipina wife, Ivy Osani, said she was getting ready to fly to Manila from Zamboanga City to meet him for the first time

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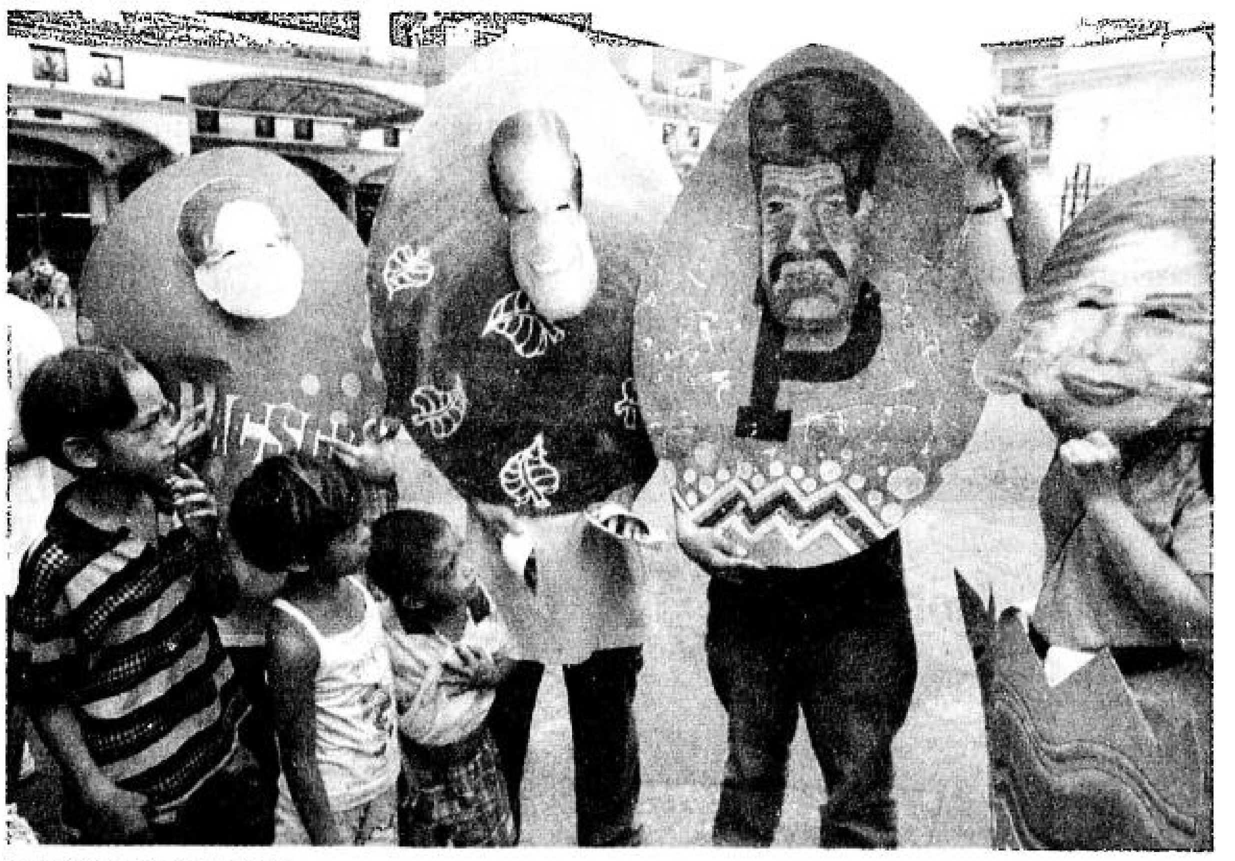

EASTER BAD EGGS?
RANDY HORMILLOSA
Youth members of the Bayan Muna party-list group show up at the Plaza Miranda in Manila with egg posters of senatorial candidates who they say should be dropped by voters in the May elections.

Second FRONT PAGE

KASI IMBES NA GINAGALANG, KINAKATAKUTAN PA!

PAOCTF breathes its last

Gloria to sign EO abolishing controversial task force today

BY CHRISTINE HERRERA
AND DAVE M. VERIDIANO

AS of today, the controversial Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Task Force shall cease to exist.

President Macapagal-Arroyo is reportedly set to sign an executive order dissolving the PAOCTF, in a bid to "regain the trust and confidence" of the public.

The extra-judicial police body had become controversial after its alleged involvement in big criminal cases during the administration of deposed President Joseph Estrada.

Even Deputy Director General Hermogenes Ebdane, current PAOCTF chief, said, "The PAOCTF has outlived its usefulness as far as the public is concerned."

In place of the PAOCTF, Ebdane said the government will form a new and special anti-crime task force to deal with organized criminal elements.

"After several weeks of discussion, the President finally decided it had become untenable for government to retain the PAOCTF as it has been tainted by several controversial issues such the twin slayings of Salvador "Bubby" Dacer and his driver, Manuel Corbito, and the Kuratong Baleleng rubout case," Ebdane said.

He said the PAOCTF had also been linked to kidnap-for-ransom cases, drug trafficking and wire-tapping incidents in the previous administration which tended to cast doubt on the integrity of the task force which was headed in concurrent capacity by former PNP Director General Panfilo "Ping" Lacson Jr.

Lacson, who resigned when Estrada stepped down from the presidency in January, is running for senator in the May 14 elections under the coalition allied with the former president.

"Ms Macapagal believes that no matter how hard we might try to improve the image of the PAOCTF, the negative impression associated with it will prevent it from ever functioning effectively," Ebdane said.

An intelligence source who asked not to be named said a new anti-crime group will be formed composed of veteran sleuths from the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the National Bureau of Investigation, the Philippine National Police and the Department of Justice.

He said the EO the President is to sign names the replacement of the PAOCTF as the "Presidential Counter-Intelligence Task Force (PCITF)."

The INQUIRER had obtained copies of confidential intelligence documents that were reportedly used to brief President Macapagal on the alleged involvement of PAOCTF agents in various criminal activities.

The source said the contents of the documents prompted the President to expedite the abolition of the PAOCTF and order the immediate activation of a new task force.

In line with the plan to abolish the PAOCTF, Ebdane said the number of its agents was cut from 800 under Lacson to the present 100.

The plan to do away with the PAOCTF came following discussions between Ms Macapagal and several heads of police and military organizations, Ebdane said.

He said Ms Macapagal also consulted several anti-crime watchdog organizations and the prevailing sentiment was for the scrapping of the PAOCTF.

In fact, Ebdane said, the PAOCTF should have been abolished last week but the President opted to sign the executive order after the Holy Week.

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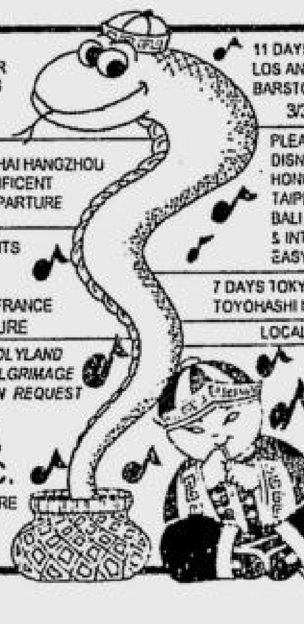

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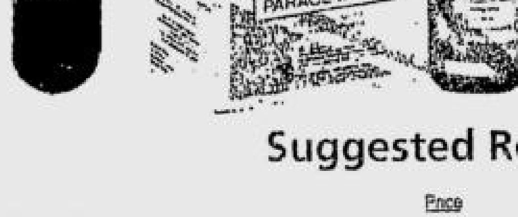

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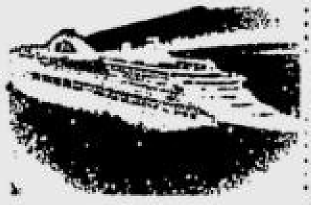

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On Wednesday, at least two justices said the 10-day evaluation period had not even started as far as their salas were concerned. These are 3rd Division chair Anacleto Badoy, who handles the plunder case, and 1st Division chair Francis Garchitorena, the court's presiding judge, who handles one graft case.

Photocopying glitch

Both cited the failure of the Office of the Ombudsman, from which the charges originated, to furnish their branches sufficient copies of documents and exhibits to support the information initially received by their salas. The delay was largely traced to a photocopying glitch.

Estrada's lawyers filed motions with the respective branches last week seeking the return of the cases to the Office of the Ombudsman.

They argued that the Office of the Ombudsman denied their client's right to a five-day period within which to answer the charges while these were still with the Ombudsman.

If and when Estrada's trial starts, it may not be as visually dramatic and accessible to the public as his Senate impeachment trial.

A Supreme Court circular bars cameras inside any courtroom while it's in a hearing, thus ruling out a repeat of the impeachment "marathon coverage" by the TV networks.

Defense lawyer Raymond Fortun said the Estrada camp was "not amenable" to opening the trial to cameras, but he said he was personally at ease with just having "sketches" of the proceedings.

The number of print media reporters that can be allowed in the courtroom may have to be controlled, according to Garchitorena.

"We will make sure that the print medium has a specific minimum number of people. If there are 10 accused, you can assume two lawyers each so there will be 20 for the defense. And we do not know how many the prosecutors will bring. And there will also be the relatives," he said.

The five Sandiganbayan courtrooms have seating capacities of 64 to 72 persons, according to court sheriff Ed Urieta.

For security reasons, he said, his office had devised, especially for the Estrada trial, a "color-coded" ID system for visitors.

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Justice without media

Fortun had appealed to the public and the media to stop regarding the Estrada trial as a telenovela. He said the trial was no longer like the impeachment trial because the Supreme Court had declared Estrada a "private citizen."

"We seek pleasure in seeing what will happen to him, or how much is his money," Fortun said. "*Mababalik ba 'yung pera? Yayaman ba tayo dyan?*"

Fortun said the public's energy should be channeled to more urgent concerns like "reducing the budget deficit, solving the garbage problem, the peso depreciation."

"Justice will be served (at Sandiganbayan) even without the watchful eyes of the media," he said.

Authorities are preparing for the arrest of Estrada but they don't know where to detain him and his co-accused during the trial.

Bicutan detention

Three sites are being considered—the Sandiganbayan prison cell on Commonwealth Avenue in Quezon City, the Quezon City Jail and the Bicutan Detention Center in Taguig, according to the PNP chief, Director General Leandro Mendoza.

Because Estrada and his co-accused will be tried for plunder, it is logical that they be confined at the Sandiganbayan's prison cells, according to Mendoza.

But he admitted that the cells could not accommodate Estrada and his co-accused.

He said the security issue was discouraging authorities from bringing Estrada to the Sandiganbayan cell.

"Several justices are housed in the same building or compound where Estrada and his co-accused will be made to stay during the trial," Mendoza said. "Innocent civilians, including employees, go there every day. We are capable of giving tight security but it will be best that they be made to stay not so close to the justices and several civilians," he said. "The risk is just too great to ignore."

The next logical place being considered is the Quezon City Jail because it is near the Sandiganbayan.

But Mendoza said the city jail was congested. The facility, which has a capacity of 700 prisoners, now holds 2,000.

Mendoza said they were considering the detention center in Bicutan.

"While the place is congested, it is not as congested as the Quezon City Jail. Besides, the cell is far from the general public and is fully secured," the PNP chief said. "The chance of escape is nil."

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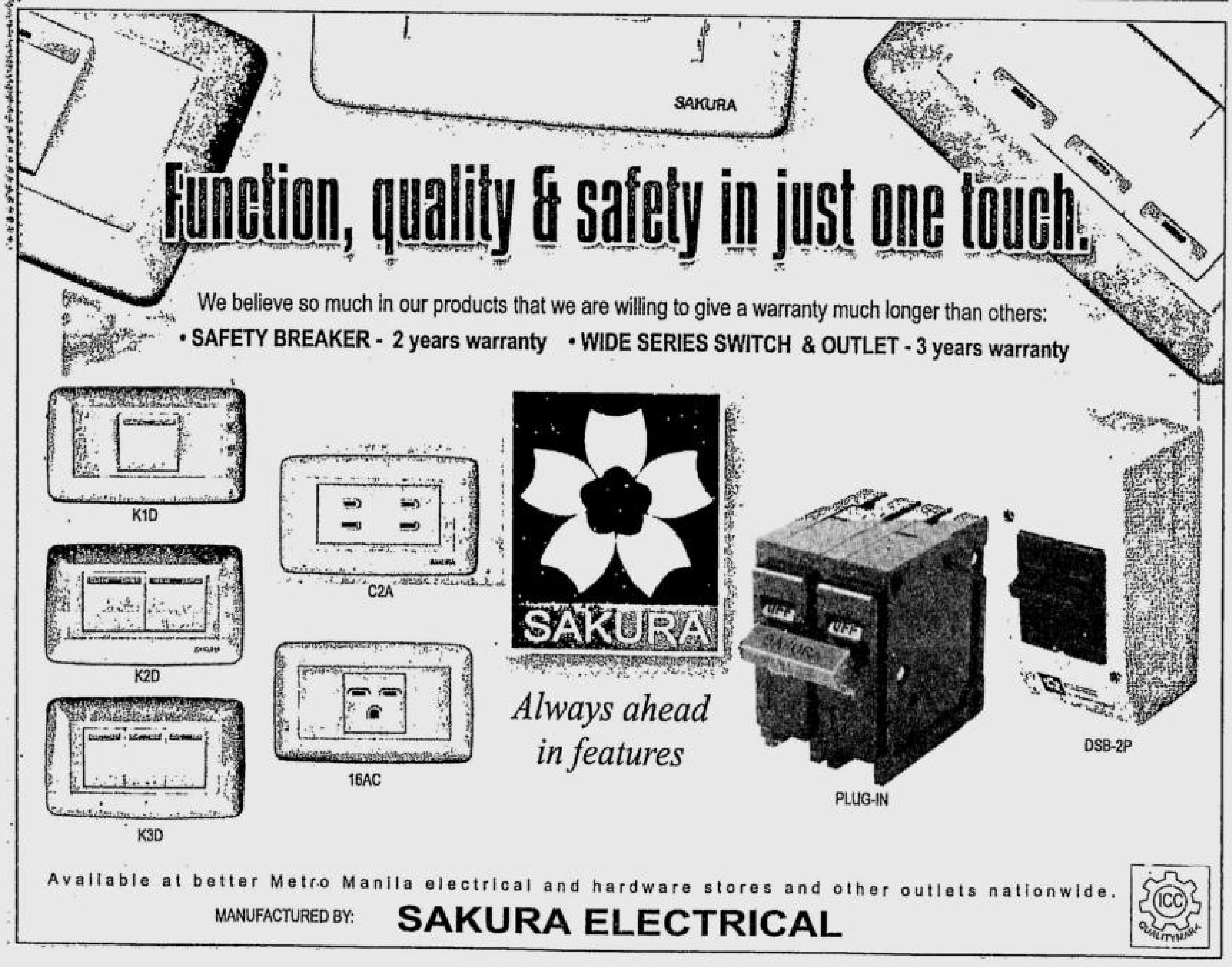
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Chinese upgrading radio facilities at Mischief Reef

By Carlito Pablo

CHINA is believed to have upgraded its communications facilities on Mischief Reef, one of the Spratly Islands chain that is being contested by six nations, including the Philippines.

A Philippine military officer who requested anonymity said local air force reconnaissance flights over the disputed islands "indicate the Chinese have improved much of their structure on the reef."

"One thing is sure—the Chinese have installed modern communications equipment there, far more sophisticated than before," the military officer said.

When asked to confirm the officer's claim, National Security Adviser Roilo Golez said the information was still subject to "formal evaluation."

Mischief Reef is located 130 nautical miles off the province of Palawan and is considered to be within the Philippines' 200-mile exclusive economic zone.

It is called Panganiban Reef by the Philippines.

China erected structures there in 1995 and has since improved and fortified the buildings.

The Spratlys are being claimed by the Philippines, China, Taiwan, Brunei, Malaysia and Vietnam.

The Philippines has filed several diplomatic protests against the Chinese for their occupation of Mischief Reef but the Chinese have not budged.

Philippine Air Force planes fly only to within 5,000 feet of the reef since over-flights might provoke the Chinese, the military officer said.

The same officer said the recent PAF reconnaissance flights failed to ascertain if the Chinese had installed anti-aircraft missiles on the reef.

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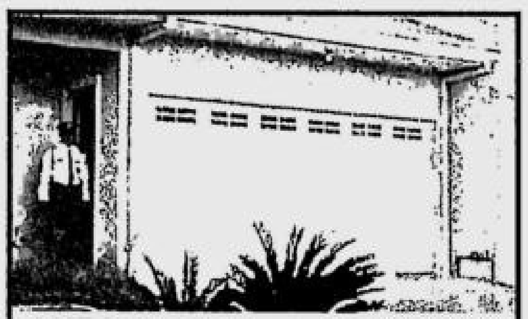
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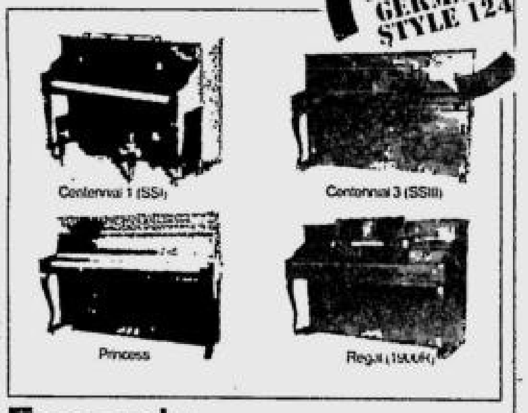

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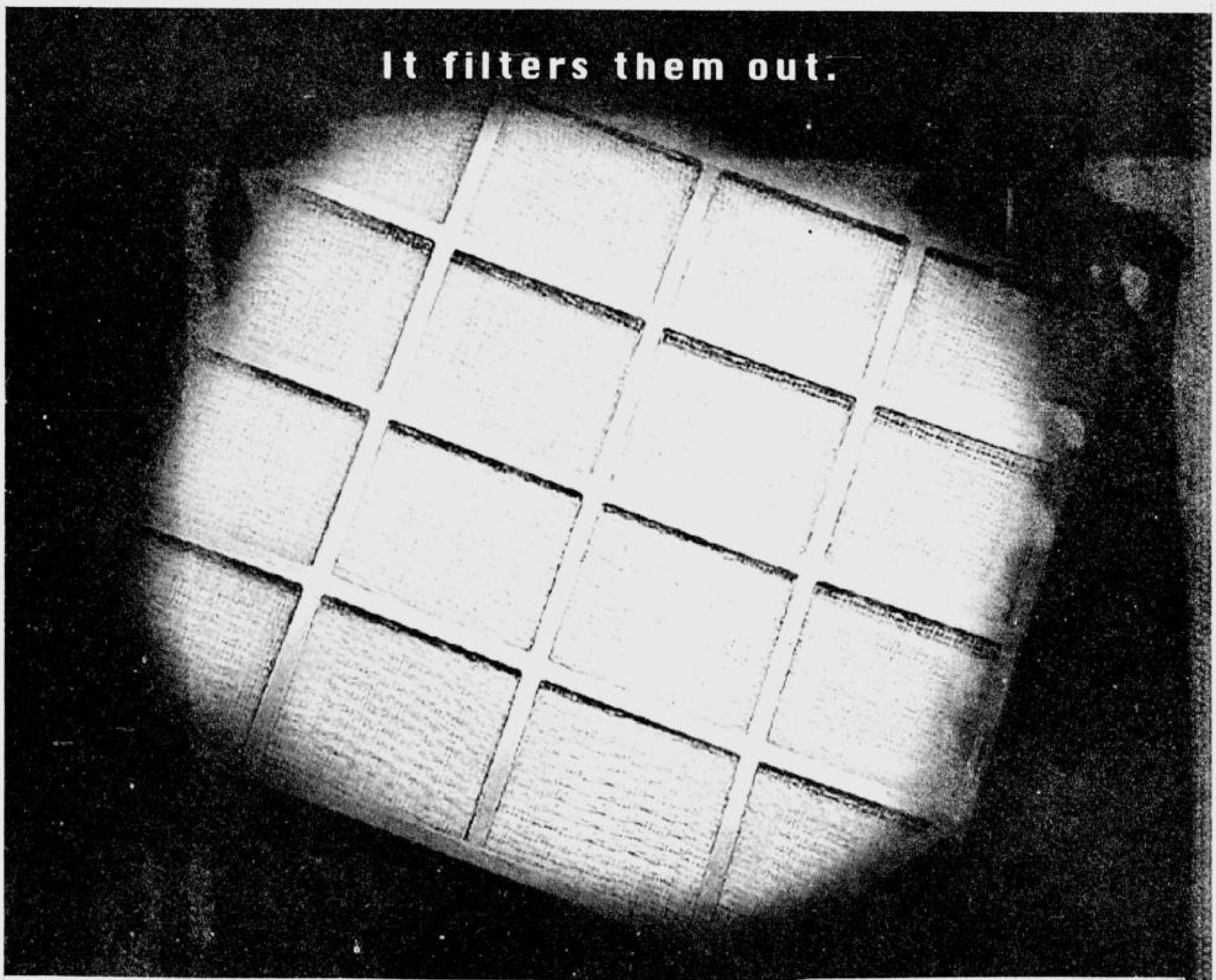

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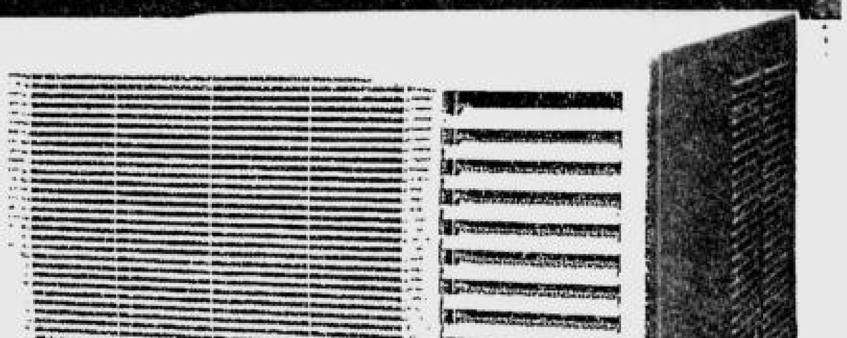

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Pope: Easter gift of light for everyone

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The Pope wore resplendent cream and gold vestments and appeared tired and drawn at times during the two-hour ceremony. His voice alternated from trembling and cracking at times to firm and clear at others.

He lost his balance for a second while walking down steps at the start of the ceremony and had to be supported by aides.

Celebrating the 23rd Easter season of his history-making pontificate and the first of the Third Millennium, the Pontiff wove his message between the religious and the worldly.

"All are offered the gift of the peace of the Risen Christ, who breaks the chains of violence and hatred," he said, reading his message from the outside steps of St. Peter's Basilica after saying Mass.

With the help of God, Asia, which he called the cradle of age-old spiritual traditions, "can win the challenge of tolerance and solidarity."

17,000 flowers

The solemn ceremony in the square before Christendom's largest church was accompanied by a welcome change in the weather, which had forced the Easter Eve ceremony to be moved indoors on Saturday night.

But although the sun was strong, the faithful had to keep moving about to keep warm. The temperature was 7 Centigrade when the Mass began.

The square was decked out with 17,000 yellow, orange, white and blue flowers imported from the Netherlands and 300 plants and trees.

Nearly two hours after the ceremony began, the crowd had swelled to about 100,000 as tourists and Romans spilled over from the square down into a nearby boulevard.

The Pope, whose occasionally cracking voice underlined the ailments and age that afflict him, said peace was now also possible in the Balkans, a region which, he said, was "no longer condemned to a worrying uncertainty."

He also urged Africa, a continent which, he said, was "tormented by conflicts," to "raise your head confidently."

Testing his stamina

"Men and women of every continent draw from His tomb, empty now forever, the strength needed to defeat the powers of evil and death, and to place all research and all technical and social progress at the service of a better future for all," he said.

The Easter service was a culmination of four hectic days for the Pope that tested his stamina.

On Good Friday he presided at a Via Crucis (Way of the Cross) service at the Colosseum but, for the first time in 22 years, he did not walk around the arena with the congregation but remained kneeling in intense prayer for all but the end of the service.

On Sunday afternoon or Monday morning, the Pope is to travel to the papal summer residence at Castelgandolfo, south of Rome, for several days of rest. He is due to return to the Vatican for Wednesday's general audience and resume a normal schedule.

Next month the Pope will resume his world travels with a trip to Syria, Greece and Malta and mark his 81st birthday in Rome on May 18.

From Vatican to Ifugao

While the Pope addressed a worldwide audience in 61 tongues, President Macapagal-Arroyo delivered a simple "Happy Easter to all of you" in a local Ifugao dialect as she joined close to 1,000 natives in Asipulo, Ifugao, for morning Mass at the St. Theresita Church.

Local candidates and the natives, some of them wearing traditional G-strings, banged gongs as they guided Ms Macapagal from the Asipulo Central School to the church.

On her way from the school, Ms Macapagal, who was with First Gentleman Mike Arroyo, greeted the villagers in their native tongue.

Earlier, she visited the famous rice terraces in Barangay Batad in the tourist town of Banaue.

The President and her party came from Baguio City where she spent her Holy Week retreat.

In a message spoken in Ilocano after the Mass, Ms Macapagal assured the villagers of her support for efforts to boost tourism in the area.

She assured the villagers and local officials that money would be allotted for the development of rice terraces and the promotion of other tourism attractions in the province.

She also urged them to support the People Power Coalition senatorial candidates in the May 14 elections.

"We need a new politics for the people based on genuine consultation with the community that is why I came here to see the beauty of Ifugao. If we want our communities to be developed, we should go there to know what is needed," she said.

The luckiest guy

After the Mass, the President danced with Ifugao children and local officials. As she was about to board the presidential chopper on her way to Pangasinan, her husband could not be found, so she joined the dancing again while security aides looked for him.

In Pangasinan, Ms Macapagal passed by Dagupan City to have lunch with resident Pedro Balingit, 92, and his family at the Matutina Restaurant facing the Bonuan Beach.

It was the second time that the President met with Balingit, a friend of Ms Macapagal's father, the late President Diosdado Macapagal, this year. Their last meeting was on Feb. 18.

"I am very happy," Balingit said when asked about being visited again by the President, whom he considers a foster daughter.

"You are the luckiest guy. Just imagine the President visiting you (almost) every month," Balingit quoted Ms Macapagal as telling him.

"Your father did also," Balingit reminded the President. ***Reports from Ben Moses Ebreo and Yolanda Fuertes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau; Reuters, AP***

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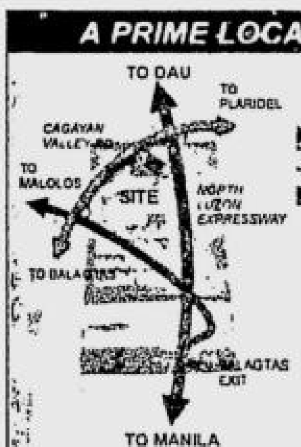

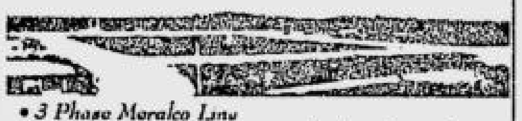

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THE GOVERNMENT launched yesterday a proxy drive, the second of two moves aimed at wresting control of giant San Miguel Corp. ahead of the conglomerate's annual board election next month.

In paid newspaper advertisements, the Government Service Insurance System and the Social Security System, state-run pension funds which hold two of SMC's 15 board seats, urged stockholders of the publicly listed firm to assign their votes to the funds' nominee, Roberto Malonzo.

Earlier this month, in the first bid to gain government control of SMC, President Macapagal-Arroyo filed a suit before the Supreme Court seeking the removal from the SMC board of the five government nominees who were appointed by her predecessor, deposed President Joseph Estrada.

Both the GSIS and SSS said the proxy solicitation was aimed at "accumulating enough votes to elect a third independent director"—Malonzo, who is GSIS executive vice president.

The twin moves—the expulsion of the Estrada nominees and the election of another director—would give the government majority control of the San Miguel board, threatening current chair and chief executive officer Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco, who was allied with Estrada.

The GSIS and SSS claimed the Estrada nominees on the SMC board were defying the Macapagal administration by refusing to resign, and "worse, they were nominated for another term of one year by the present SMC management which refused to qualify the new nominees" of Macapagal.

The pension funds said the proxy call "will enable the government to accelerate resolution of the ownership issue and the privatization" of the company.

Aside from the votes of the pension funds, the government has voting rights over 27 percent of SMC shares, while Cojuangco controls 20 percent.

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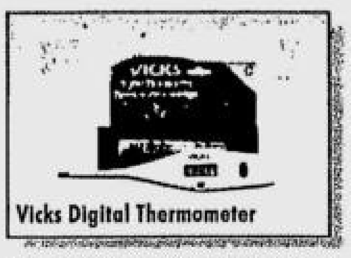

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No time to gloat

EDITORIAL

WHILE most of Christian Philippines was commemorating Maundy Thursday, a small Army contingent led by 1st Lt. Armando Custodio rescued American hostage Jeffrey Schilling from an Abu Sayyaf hideout in Luuk, Jolo. Schilling is the last of two hostages among several held by the Abu Sayyaf last year.

Schilling's rescue did not come about through high-tech, saturation firepower that characterized the military campaign against the Abu Sayyaf last year. The bandits guarding Schilling fled after a 15-minute firefight.

The rescue was a result of a focused operation, aided by excellent intelligence and the cooperation of local Muslims, notably Luuk Mayor Abdurahman Arbison, who had supplied information to the troops.

The presentation of Schilling to President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo was, of course, a pleasant gift to her administration in the run-up to Easter. The President can claim credit for the rescue, but only part of it. The success was mainly due to the improved tactics and intelligence of the Army, to the cooperation of the local Muslim community which isolated the bandits, and to the realization of that community that the Abu Sayyaf's excesses and terrorism did not at all promote Islamic autonomy or separatist political goals.

The switch in the government's emphasis in Mindanao from the "all-out war" policy of deposed President Estrada to one focusing on negotiations resulted in separating the political rebellion led by the Moro Islamic Liberation Front from the terrorism of the Abu Sayyaf. The Estrada regime made the mistake of merging the two issues into one that had to be dealt with by deploying more than half of the men and armor of the Armed Forces in the Mindanao war. The differentiation has now paid dividends. The MILF has been reengaged in a new peace dialogue and the Army is dealing with sheer outlawry represented by the Abu Sayyaf with the correct tactics that do not require enormous expenditure of men and resources.

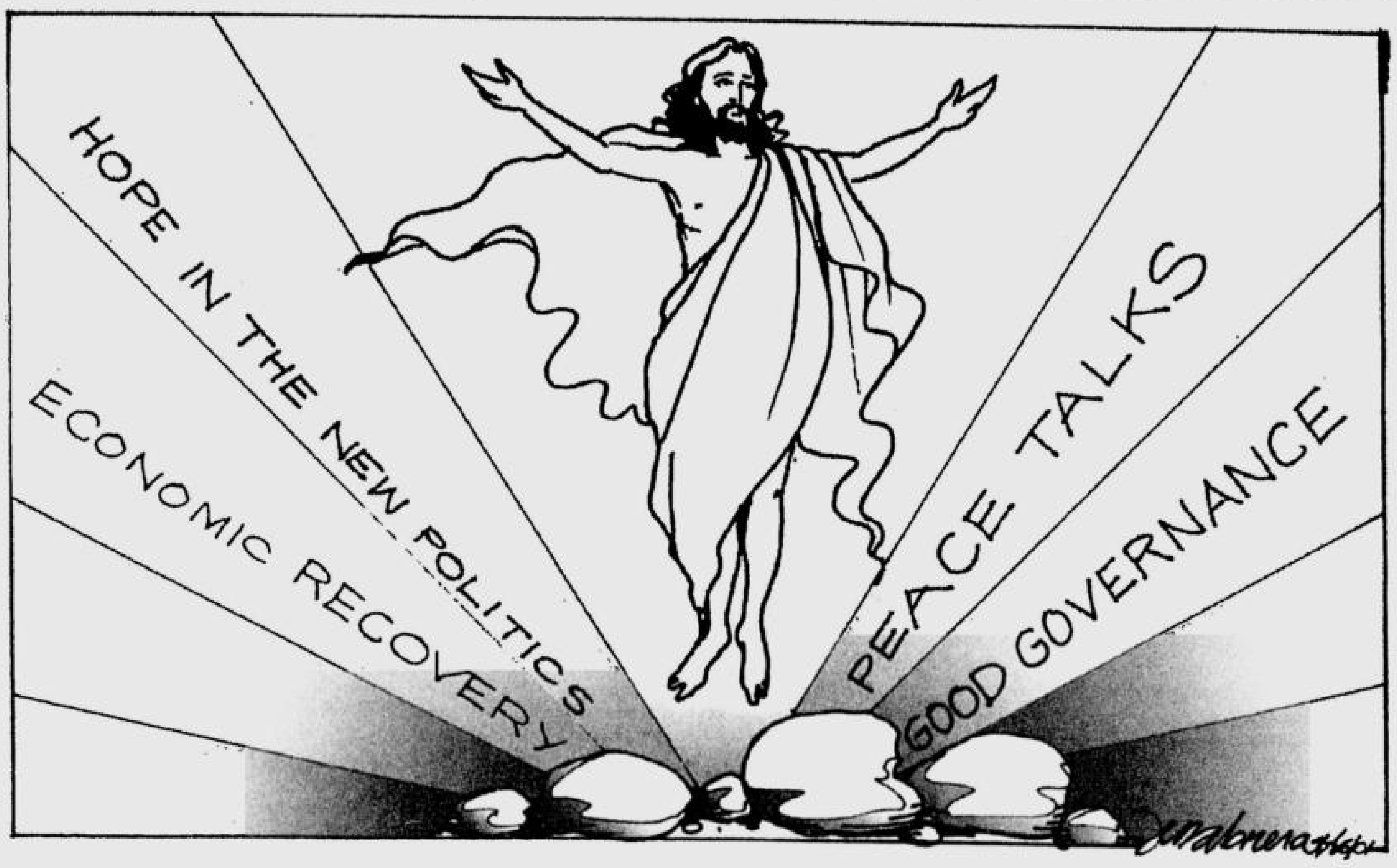
The President did borrow some of the tough language of Estrada. She did declare an "all-out war" on the Abu Sayyaf and threatened to "pulverize" it if it continued its banditry. While the language was vintage Estrada, its application was more focused and it was not hurled from the platform of a "happy warrior."

The rescue of Schilling may well be a sign of the growing isolation of the Abu Sayyaf from the Muslim community which provides them with sanctuary. Guerrillas can only survive a protracted war if their host community hides them from government forces. The history of insurgency in this country—among them the communist and the Muslim rebellions—is that its failure has partly been a result of defection from its ranks and leakage of information that fed government forces with intelligence.

This is not a time for President Macapagal and the military to gloat. The Islamic community seems to have responded favorably to the administration's more nuanced approach to the Mindanao rebellion and less belligerent posture. There's little doubt that the accent on Mindanao development has enhanced expectations of diverting more economic resources to that region. Not only has there been appointments to key government posts from Mindanao leaders. There is renewed interest in reviving economic development plans for jump-starting Mindanao's recovery. The new administration had better show early results in resource allocation to Mindanao, otherwise it will do no better than the Estrada administration which promised economic development while foolishly plunging the region into war.

The Macapagal administration received a boon from the rescue of Schilling. It offset the setback it received from the presidential coddling of recaptured convict Norberto Manero Jr. There was no need for her to receive the delivery of Manero, who surrendered unconditionally after escaping from prison several times. The capture was an achievement, but the dignity of the presidency was diminished by the President's meeting him. There's no need for the President to score *pogi* points. She has earned quite a few during her first two months in office. The Philippine state needs rebuilding after it was debauched by the previous administration that severely undermined state institutions.

President Macapagal's administration could gain by enhancing the dignity of the presidency—not by wasting its resources on making cheap political points.



Negotiating a durable peace

COMMENTARY

Rodolfo A. Arizala

AT PRESENT we are in pursuit of a lasting and honorable peace by negotiation. It is, therefore, relevant to consider what authorities say on the subject and review experiences in the past for our consideration and guidance.

In negotiation, we need expert negotiators. What then constitute a "compleat negotiator"? Prof. Fred Charles Ikle in his book "How Nations Negotiate" (Harper & Row, Publishers, New York, Evanston and London, 1976, P. 253), quoting from 17th and 18th century manuals on diplomacy, reminded readers that a compleat negotiator: "Should have a quick mind but unlimited patience, know how to dissemble without being a liar, inspire trust without trusting others, be modest but assertive, charm others without succumbing to their charm, and possess plenty of money and a beautiful wife while remaining indifferent to all temptations of riches and women."

Of course, it is difficult, if not impossible to comply with or have all the above traits or qualities. According to Ikle, however, at least a good negotiator should be "realistic," "flexible" and "patient," And with reference to a negotiator who belongs to the military, this is what he said: "Whereas the diplomat may ignore military strength as a means to bargain for his political ends, the negotiating soldier often refuses to consider political ends in his pursuit of military objectives." ("How Nations Negotiate," Ibid., P. 156)

From the above criteria, it appears that the ideal negotiator is one who is a combination of soldier-diplomat who would know how to pursue military objectives as well as political ends aside from being "realistic, flexible and patient."

Aside from what experts or authorities opined on the matter of negotiation, it is also relevant to take into consideration experiences in the past. For example, if we take a look at the "policy of appeasement" in Europe in the 1940s, we shall be reminded that such policy failed to achieve durable peace and why. We would also be reminded that in negotiation, as much as possible, it is advisable to negotiate from a "position of strength" and not "allow the other side to solely "determine the issues" or even peripheral issues. For example, the question of venue for the peace talks might appear insignificant but in the past, said issue determined the success or failure of peace negotiations such as in the peace talks between the communists and the South Vietnamese representatives in Paris and in Geneva in 1954 and 1975, respectively.

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Aside from the question of venue, it may be recalled that the communists also raised with their counterparts issues concerning the shape of the negotiating table; which doors of the conference hall would be the ingress and egress for their respective negotiators and composition or personality of the negotiators might be considered trivial or insignificant. But they have immense psychological and propaganda value which may determine the success or failure of negotiations.

In other words, mutual understanding and respect as well as the negotiating skills of the parties are essential factors to the success of any negotiation.

Let us hope and pray that the peace negotiations between the Philippine government and that of the National Democratic Front or the Moro Islamic Liberation Front representatives will be a success by taking into consideration established principles in the art of negotiations as well as the lessons learned from the past.

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Differences

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I DO not quite buy Raymund Fortun's comparison of Erap with Jesus Christ. From where I stand, I can see a number of differences between the two.

First, there were three crosses when Jesus was crucified and two belonged to thieves. The one that did not, belonged to Jesus. One of the two thieves eventually espied Jesus' divinity through a haze of pain and begged his forgiveness. To which he answered, "Today, thou shalt be with me in Paradise."

There was only one cross when Erap was crucified and it belonged to a thief. There was one other thief at his crucifixion, but he was a spectator. He was the one who readily admitted he was a thief and asked for his community's forgiveness, pointing to Erap as the bigger thief who ought to be crucified. To which Erap answered, "One day, thou shalt be with me in jail."

Second, Jesus Christ walked among many women, some of whom were prostitutes, but he never solicited their services. Of course some radical scholars and intrepid writers like Nikos Kazantzakis believe that Christ was not a masochist and so found solace in the arms of one Mary Magdalene, a well-known streetwalker, or tent visitor, in her time. But it is safe to say that he confined his knowledge of them generally to, well, less than Biblical ways.

Erap walked among many women, many of whom were prostitutes, and he solicited services from all of them. Of course some radical supporters and intrepid lawyers like Raymund Fortun say he was just an unfortunate wretch who could not control his hormones and so sought solace in the arms of well-known stars—and stripes (airlines stewardesses)—in their prime. Even going to the extent of making them permanent, well, Biblical providers, and building huge multicolored (and multi-tiered) tents for them.

Third, Jesus Christ had 13 apostles, and only one of them turned out to be a betrayer, who was Judas Iscariot. He it was who turned his back on the man he had sworn to follow and turned him over to the authorities for 30 pieces of silver. And did so with a kiss, the kiss of death. "Is it I, Lord?" all of them asked Jesus at the Last Supper. Jesus was quiet except when Judas asked the same question, and then he said, "You said it."

Erap has 13 apostles, and all of whom are betrayers, who are, well, they call themselves "Puwersa ng Masa." They are the people who have turned their backs on the nation they have sworn to uplift, not to speak of not rob, and sold it to the devil for well over than 30 pieces of silver, even taking into account 2,000 years of inflation. And who come now patting dogs, shaking hands, and grinning from ear to ear before the people while giving them the kiss of death. "Is it I, am I the betrayer?" they will soon ask the voters in their Last Appear. "You bet your ass," they will say, and give them 0-13.

Fourth, Jesus Christ had only one name, it was the devil who had many names. "Who are you?" Jesus asked the devil, as he fasted for 40 days and 40 nights in the desert preparatory to taking a public life. "I go by many names," the devil answered, "but I'm sure you know me." And he proceeded to regale Christ with all sorts of worldly temptations, chief of them wine and women. "Begone from me, accursed one," Jesus said, refusing to deviate from his mission, and sent him back to the hole he crawled from.

Erap has many names, it is people like Emma Lim and Clarissa Ocampo who have only one. "Who are you?" the devil once asked Erap while he feasted for 1,001 days and 1,001 nights in the palace preparatory to indulging in the pleasures of the flesh. "I go by many names," he answered, "but I'm sure Equitable Bank will vouch for me." And he proceeded to regale the visitor with all sorts of bankbooks, many of them filled with the names of women. "You are a man after my heart," the devil said, "as well indeed as that other Velarde, the accursed one who preaches every Saturday at the park," and invited him to the hole he crawled from.

Fifth, Jesus Christ performed miracles of a wondrous kind. He turned water into wine, walked on water, and turned a few loaves of bread and fishes into thousands. He made the blind see, the deaf hear, the lame walk. He even made the dead come to life again. He did all this while giving people to see that the true miracle lay not in these things but in the miracle of life, in the wonder of the earth and sky, in the beauty of faith.

Erap has also performed miracles but of a benighted kind. He turned 500-dollar bottles of wine into water, walked on thin ice, turned a personal fortune of a few million pesos into billions. He has made the seeing blind, the hearing deaf, the upright lame. Feel free to supply names there. He even once made the dead come to life again, but that was only with the aid of Viagra. He did these things while giving people to believe that the real miracle lay not in their capacity to do things but in the miracle of smoke and shadow, in the wonder of circus and circus (there was no bread), in the bliss of ignorance.

Sixth, Jesus Christ cleansed the temple of gamblers, merchants and prostitutes. He turned their tables over and drove them away, shouting that the temple was a house of prayer, not a den of thieves. It was the first time he had gotten angry in public, and he was magnificent in his fury.

Erap built a temple to gamblers, merchants and prostitutes. He made a casino of the country, he gave refuge to the merchants of death, also called the PAOCTF, and he built mansions, if not temples, to women of loose clothing. Miraculously, the people overturned their tables and drove them away, shouting the republic was a house of decency, not a den of thieves. It was the second time they had gotten angry in public, and they were magnificent in their fury—even if the Roman publicists, in the form of Time Magazine, could not see it that way.

Seventh, Jesus Christ taught by parables, Erap taught by Eraptions. Jesus Christ caused Pontius Pilate to wash his hands off him. Erap caused Hilario Davide to strip him of his crown. Jesus Christ was crucified, died and was buried; on the third day, he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. Erap was crucified, died and was buried; on the third month, he tried to rise from the dead; he descended into despair, lieth at the far side of Loi, the Martyr Forever.

Finally, years later, they made a rock opera called "Jesus Christ, Superstar." Years later, they'll make a porn flick called, "Joseph Estrada, Superstud."

Happy Easter, everyone. Well, most everyone.

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An Easter story

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

HAPPY Easter to one and all. Easter is a time of renewal both in the spiritual and the physical sphere. At Easter time, Christendom commemorates the conquest by Jesus Christ of physical death, and how He opened the gates of heaven for us. In the temperate countries Easter ushers the season of spring—a most beautiful time of the year when Nature recovers from the harsh winter. Easter Sunday falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon in spring.

But this year's Easter is very special because it is the first in this century, which is in turn the first century of the new millennium. For us Filipinos, it is also a new political chapter in our history, and many of us are filled with joy and the hope that things would be better.

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In this season of joy and hope, we focus on several recent happenings that fill the nation with these emotions, even as we commiserate with the families of PR man Bubby Dacer and his driver on the fate that has befallen them. Army Maj. Noel Buan has been released after almost two years of captivity and so is the American hostage of the Abu Sayyaf, Jeffrey Schilling.

Speaking of joy and hope at Easter time, President Macapagal paid tribute to the courage and fortitude of Army wife Cielo Buan who never lost hope that she would get her husband back. This columnist was witness to the virtues exhibited by this brave and determined young Army wife, who was ready to hound everyone who could help her husband, driven by her love and concern for him and their only child, 12-year-old Jenina. Hers is a beautiful and inspiring Easter story of wifely devotion.

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A pretty and highly articulate woman, Cielo was not content to take on face value the military's assurances about rescue efforts for her husband—she kept periodically calling on then AFP Chief of Staff Angelo Reyes and on other AFP top brass, to nag them about Noel's release. At some point there were talks that perhaps her husband had been indoctrinated by the Left, but Cielo never bought that story. "He would never turn against the government. I know him," she would say.

Cielo made negotiators Sen. Loren Legarda and Sorsogon Bishop Jesus Varela her regular phone pals. Legarda recalls how the young Army wife would drop by her Senate office right in the middle of the impeachment trial; though the senator would be dead tired from the hearings, she found herself stretching her patience to listen to Cielo's heartaches. Neither did Cielo spare Vice President Gloria Macapagal, who sought to comfort and help her too, nor Joma Sison in Utrecht. She cried her story out to the media that were plainly captivated by her articulateness.

Because I was once an Army wife myself, she felt I would understand her better than other media, and I reached out through this column to my former UP classmate, Joma. Over the months of negotiations over what kind of suspension of military operations (Somo) could be adopted, I proposed here at one time a one-province, one week Somo and Cielo quickly dubbed it the "Belinda formula."

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Over the many months Cielo had her emotional highs and lows, and those of us who were in touch with her would advice her not to give up storming heaven with her prayers. She turned to prayer and the Mass to strengthen her. I also advised her to keep busy, as work is a great balm for the soul (she worked in a travel agency). In one particularly low period I put her in touch with my old UP humanities professor, J.D. Constantino, now Sister Teresa in the Carmelite Convent in Quezon City. I told Cielo that Sister Teresa might be able to help out with Joma Sison, as he was also her former student. Moreover, the Carmelites constitute the prayer powerhouse of the Church. The nuns prayed for Noel.

Like the Passion of Christ that began with Good Friday and ended with Easter, Cielo's story ended with joy and hope.

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Of the eight cases against deposed President Estrada filed in the Sandiganbayan by the Ombudsman, there is only one plunder case and it's a consolidation of several plunder cases. There has been criticism from some lawyers about the Ombudsman's move to consolidate these cases into one, which was obviously aimed at making it stronger. But critics feel that it would have been better if several plunder cases were filed, so that in case one or two don't prosper in court, there would be others. Apparently this school of thought won, for the latest report is that other plunder cases would be filed soon.

But one thing sure, news that Justice Anacleto Badoy's division in the Sandiganbayan won the plunder case during the raffling of the cases among the five divisions was greeted with elation in some quarters. Badoy is regarded as a meticulous judge, so that there is some apprehension about how fast the Erap cases would move, or if he would ever land in jail. New Environment Secretary Heherson Alvarez has known Badoy since they were both young delegates in the 1971 Constitutional Convention. Alvarez regards Badoy as a "straight shooter" and a "pious man." He does not doubt that Badoy, a former mayor of Cotabato City who served as Comelec commissioner before landing in the graft court, would render judgment in a manner that's fair to the people.

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Paging Agrarian Reform Secretary Hernani Braganza. Help! Tagum City-based lawyer Rolando Rama, counsel for 139 farmers/CARP beneficiaries from Talikod Island, Samal, Davao, wrote this column to denounce the subversion of the land reform program "by the very people charged with implementing it." Rama laments that the 139 Talikod farmers were unceremoniously dispossessed of their land by an illegal order of the Department of Agrarian Reform Adjudication Board (Darab) that was executed illegally.

The lawyer points out that the 139 farmers were earlier awarded titles to the land by DAR, but the son of the previous landowner filed a motion for reconsideration of the DAR resolution. To settle the dispute, the Darab of Quezon City ordered Darab Davao to conduct an ocular inspection to determine the facts. Darab Davao reported that indeed the Talikod farmers are bona fide tenants of the land and legitimate title holders. But instead of upholding this report, the Darab QC issued an order not only contravening Davao's findings, but also prohibiting the 139 tenants from harvesting the coconuts on the land. It also authorized the armed men of the previous landowner's son to harvest instead. And as if to mock the law, this man and the Darab QC did not wait for the 15-day mandatory period for execution of the illegal order—they executed it within three days of the order's issuance.

Rama argues that this order was contrary to law inasmuch as questions of recovery of ownership and titles to land as well as declaration of heirship fall within the exclusive jurisdiction of the regional trial court. He stressed that all appeals with the DAR and other authorities have fallen on deaf ears.

Despite ISA arrests, Mahathir seen as still secure

NEWS ANALYSIS

Simon Martin

KUALA LUMPUR—Malaysia's clampdown on pro-Anwar activists is likely to swell support for the opposition but Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad's grip on his ruling party is still strong, analysts said.

Police last week arrested seven supporters of jailed ex-deputy premier Anwar Ibrahim to try to derail a protest Saturday marking "Black 14"—the second anniversary of the sentencing of Mahathir's former heir apparent.

Amnesty International and local lawyers and rights groups strongly criticized the arrests under the Internal Security Act (ISA), which allows indefinite detention without trial. Mahathir was unrepentant.

Asked how Malaysia's image would be affected, he retorted: "The foreign media will bash at us. They have never said anything good about us even if we are very nice.

"They can go and fry their faces."

Mahathir, 75, has been in power since 1981. But his United Malays National Organization (Umno) suffered a big erosion of support in the November 1999 polls, over Anwar's treatment and other issues.

The charismatic Anwar was convicted of abuse of power and sodomy and jailed for a total of 15 years. He says Mahathir orchestrated a conspiracy to frame him to eliminate a political threat, a charge the premier denies.

Despite murmurings of dissent in recent months, diplomats and other analysts told AFP Mahathir faced no major threat within Umno.

They questioned whether he really intended to step down before the next elections in 2004, as he vowed back in 1999.

"Leaders like Mahathir don't have a retirement plan," said one diplomat. "The reality is, he will stay as long as he can.

"His main problems are health and the economy rather than the party (Umno), which is a materialistic party rather than an ideological one."

The diplomat described Umno's operations as "like a food chain...there is underlying resentment toward Mahathir but (members) don't express it publicly because they don't want to be cut out of the food chain."

Mahathir justified the ISA arrests as a police action and not a political clampdown.

He said police had evidence that activists planned to use explosives and weapons in violent protests to topple his government. The opposition has challenged authorities to provide such proof.

"There's always a proportion of gullible people who buy such arguments (on planned violent protests)," the diplomat said.

"Increasingly people are not—they are frustrated and increasingly resentful and that's a major problem for Mahathir.

"The momentum of opposition is still there."

Another diplomat noted that despite police warnings, opposition supporters risked arrest by attending Saturday's gathering.

But he said Mahathir appeared unconcerned by the hostile response to the use of the ISA. "His main concern was to make sure there were no disturbances."

The diplomat said no Umno elections were imminent. "There is no mechanism to push him out unless he wants to retire. There are no signs that he is looking to retire."

Mohammad Agus Yusoff, a political science lecturer at the National University of Malaysia, criticized what he called Umno's "coercive measures to silence the opposition.

"It must (instead) address its own weaknesses. Opposition parties have been more effective in convincing the people."

But Mohammad Agus said Mahathir's position in Umno is not under threat.

"There is definite dissatisfaction but the top ranks who gain economic benefits want him to continue even after 2004.

"Lower ranks think he's no longer relevant...but most Umno members can't find anyone suitable to replace him as yet."

Mohammad Agus said Mahathir's current designated successor, Deputy Premier Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, faced potential rivals in the party.

"Pak Lah (nickname) does not practice patronage politics. It is hard for him to garner support."

Michael Yeoh, head of the Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute, said the arrests could increase support for the Keadilan opposition party led by Anwar's wife.

"They could get more sympathy votes. People in general may still have doubts about what the government is saying but the business community will support the government because they want stability." *AFP*

Democracy is know-how, not ideology

COMMENTARY

Dean Jorge Bocobo

CHARLES Darwin, the great English naturalist, died 119 years ago this week on April 19, 1882. Along with people like Galileo Galilei, Sir Isaac Newton and Albert Einstein, Darwin will go down in history as one of the greatest scientists who ever lived, because of his theory of evolution. He discovered the law of nature that governs the long-term viability of living systems. It says, that biological species evolve over long periods of time by a process of natural selection and the survival of the fittest is ensured by the fierce competition for food, territory and the ability to reproduce and multiply. The world, according to Darwin, belongs to those best adapted to changing environments and competition. Altruistic man may deem this to be a cruel world, but it seems to be the amoral, (not immoral) reality of nature.

Human social systems, it seems to me, are also governed by a law of natural selection and survival of the fittest. But among competing human societies, success is determined by more complex and subtle factors, such as political, economic, military, technological and cultural capabilities. Moreover, our very humanity adds a moral dimension to these struggles.

In the century since Darwin died, the human race has seen an intense and deadly competition between implacably opposed social systems, namely, democracy versus the totalitarian twins of communism and fascism. With the end of the Cold War, the results of that struggle are crystal clear about which system is better.

The history of the 20th century proves beyond the shadow of a doubt that state-run, socialist command economies, run by dictatorial communist parties are inferior, by far, to competitive, free enterprise capitalist systems, with libertarian, democratic political systems. Although it took many decades for the facts to emerge, the simple truth is that societies built around Marxist designs, are simply incapable of sustainably feeding, clothing, sheltering and advancing their people.

Totalitarian societies like the Soviet Union of Lenin and Stalin, Mao Zedong's China, and Pol Pot's genocidal Kampuchea, were dismal, ruinous failures that slaughtered and impoverished millions of human beings in the name of political correctness. (Filipino communists evidently conducted their own murderous pogroms in the '80s, against hundreds of their own cadres wrongly suspected of being military spies.) All these regimes were willing to perform human sacrifice on the altar of dogmas that steel-plated heads could not let go of. Perhaps this was because iron-fisted rule had already poisoned their leaders' hearts with vanity and power. They eventually collapsed economically and politically, from sheer incompetence and most have taken the capitalist road to survive, a process of adaptation still ongoing, throughout the former communist world.

These are the empirical facts from this century of global human experience. Only the most Orwellian apologists of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Zedong Thought would have the dishonesty and sophistry to deny them. Some of these unfortunate souls appear to be Filipinos, trying to run, by remote-control from the Netherlands, one of the world's last remaining communist insurgencies. Many cannot help but sympathize with their stated objectives of freeing Filipinos from poverty and injustice. But, listening to the CPP's Luis Jalandoni on TV last week was an eerie experience in fantasy politics. They are so detached from reality, and dismissive, or oblivious of the obvious, one can only conclude, they have not only built sand castles in the Dutch sky, they may have moved into them.

Common to communist leaders is their loud and ironic claim of fighting for the very masses whose lives and futures they obliterated in the name of fanatical ideology. Of course, demagoguery is not a monopoly of communists, as Hitler's Third Reich, Marcos' New Society dictatorship, Erap's vast criminal enterprise, and any number of corrupt non-communist societies, including our present one, have amply demonstrated.

But the devastating results of communism on these unfortunate societies speak for themselves, even if their fervent adherents deny the abject failure of the Marxist concept. One lesson is that, it is not enough to have good intentions, pious motivations and noble ambitions. Global human society is hugely complex and some systems just won't work in the long run, no matter how good they look and sound on the ideological drawing boards.

What really works is what really matters. The Philippines must learn from humanity's most advanced societies, the ones most likely to survive and thrive. These are the liberal democracies. They uphold the rights and freedoms of individuals, not abstract classes. They demand equal opportunity for all people to uplift themselves by hard work and honest competition but there is no guaranteed equality of results.

At the same time, democracy is not a closed book of knowledge that claims to know all the answers, like communism and theocracy do in central committee edicts and catechisms. Democracy tolerates and promotes a free competition of all ideas and experiments, so as to discover, not prescribe from preconceived notions, the best way of moving forward. We must build our polity without the politics of resentment that ideologues insist upon. Democracy is a technology for social progress by successive approximations, not imaginary great leaps forward. It is know-how that must be proven to work, not ideology by axiom.

Ideologies can be heartless, mindless things, and deadly, no matter how righteous or beautiful they may seem. I think it is time for the patriotic and dedicated members of the CPP/NPA/NDF to lay down their egos, let go their hubris, and yes, their arms, and humbly rejoin the rest of the nation in building a lasting peace and a just society.

Pointers in reading poll survey results

READERS' ADVOCATE

Raul J. Palabrica

AFTER A RESTFUL four-day vacation (for some it was a virtual nine-day break), it's back to the salt mines for ordinary mortals like us. For the thousands of aspirants for the national and local positions up for grabs this May 14, the political campaign resumes with renewed vigor.

With less than a month to go, expect the candidates to use every trick in the book, both legal and illegal, to attract voters to their cause. More political advertisements will be seen or heard on print, radio and television. Additional posters, streamers and other visual campaign materials will be handed out to add to the tons of garbage produced daily.

Between now and April 28 (for senatorial candidates) or May 6 (for candidates for local offices), do not be surprised if you see or read all kinds of surveys that purport to show the standing of the candidates in the electoral races they are engaged in.

These surveys play on the bandwagon mentality of most Filipinos. Or the perception that a vote cast for a candidate is "wasted" if that candidate loses. That only the votes garnered by winning candidates really matter.

Ergo, following this line of reasoning, if you want your votes to count or get its "true" worth, vote only for the candidates who, according to the survey results, have the strongest chances of winning. Never mind if that candidate is immoral, indecent and intellectually dishonest. What counts is he or she, based on the survey, may win.

Because banning the publication of survey results will violate press and speech freedoms, the most that our lawmakers can do to minimize the adverse effects of inaccurate surveys is to require the simultaneous publication of relevant information about the survey.

These facts and figures are aimed at putting the reader or viewer on notice about the circumstances surrounding the survey. Based on this information, he can determine whether the results are credible or sheer propaganda.

Questions

Here are some questions the readers should ask when they read survey results:

1. **Who conducted the survey?** Not every organization or outfit that claims to be engaged in research is qualified to conduct an honest and reliable poll survey. Evaluating the voters' preferences requires academic training, expertise, experience and knowledgeable personnel.

The list of credible survey organizations is short. If track record and credentials of the people behind them are used as criteria, the more trustworthy and credible survey groups are the Social Weather Stations, Asian Research Organization and Pulse Asia, not necessarily arranged in the order of credibility.

If the survey is conducted by an outfit other than those mentioned, it would be advisable for the readers to take the survey results with a grain of salt. Fair warning: fakes and scam artists often disguise themselves with impressive-sounding names and descriptions.

2. **How were the questions asked?** The answer to a survey question is influenced to a great extent by the way it is phrased. A person's reply to a question couched in positive words will be different from one that uses negative words.

A question that contains derogatory information about a candidate is expected to elicit a negative response. The question "will you vote for 'X' candidate if it is proven that he stole money from his business partners?" will undoubtedly invite a "no" answer. It will be unfair to count that answer as an indication of the lack of support for the affected candidate.

If the question is meant to favor a candidate, the question can be phrased in such a way that the candidate's good qualities are used as backgrounder, then the voter is asked if those qualities will make a difference in deciding who to vote for. The most likely reply to that question is a "yes." The shrewd survey evaluator will report that answer as an endorsement of the candidate.

3. **Who paid for the survey?** This information is often deliberately deleted or, if included, is presented in a deceptive way. The tried-and-tested survey groups have no qualms about disclosing the names of the people or organizations that request them to conduct surveys. With a reputation to protect and nurture, these groups are least susceptible to the idea of manipulating survey results to meet the objectives of their sponsors.

If the sponsor is somebody who has links to the candidate who got good marks in the survey, or is a never-heard organization with a self-righteous name, it would be the better part of discretion to treat the survey as political advertisement.

4. **When was the survey conducted?** The timing of the survey is critical to the credibility of the results. The results of a survey conducted before the deadline for the filing of certificates of candidacy are worthless when published three weeks before the election.

The closer the date the survey was conducted is to the date of publication of the results, the better. Like news, survey results become stale when not published immediately.

This particular data, like that of the identity of the sponsor, is often fudged or hidden between lengthy words or commas and parentheses for obvious reasons.

5. **How many people participated in the survey?** The honest-to-goodness survey organizations say they use a certain formula in determining what constitutes a representative number of respondents in the conduct of surveys. Depending on the questions to be asked and the time frame involved, the number of respondents varies from 300 to 2,000.

For the laymen, however, it doesn't make sense how 300 survey participants can legitimately represent the opinion of, say, 500,000 voters, or 1,500 respondents reflecting the views of 75 million Filipinos.

Whatever the magic number may be from the point of view of professional pollsters, the fact remains that the results will be more credible if a substantial number of respondents participate in the exercise.

This is not say that poll surveys are better left unpublished or confined to the desks of statisticians. If only to satisfy the curiosity of the candidates on how they stand in the public's esteem, they are worth the paper they are written on.

At the end of the day, what matters is not what the survey results show but the voters' perception of who among the candidates deserve to be elected to the posts they are aspiring for.

Many voters (thank God I'm not one of them) committed a big mistake in the 1998 presidential elections. Popularity, rather than capability, determined the voting results. We hope a similar error will not be repeated on May 14.

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Waste disposal is everybody's business

THERE is something disconcerting about the contentions of Francis Joseph O. de La Cruz of Greenpeace Southeast Asia, about alleged efforts to "reinterpret the Clean Air Act to go around the prohibition on incineration" in his letter to the editor last March 14, 2001.

For the record, what the Clean Air Act seeks to prohibit is the use of foul and filthy incinerators, which is why that law calls for the use of "state-of-the-art and environmentally sound and safe non-burn technologies."

His intolerant stance toward anything related to incineration makes De La Cruz unrealistically oblivious to the need to explore all possible environmentally safe ways to deal with the solid waste disposal problem. He accuses local officials of having a "penchant for quick fixes." In fact, the solid waste problem cannot wait for long without turning into a crisis. We must understand, however, that a solution is not necessarily wrong or detrimental to public welfare simply because it is "quick."

And while there is no quarrel that there is a need to reduce the amount of garbage produced daily, the need for garbage disposal facilities will still be there. Even in most ecologically advanced countries such as Sweden, for instance, an absolutely "zero waste" condition has yet to be achieved.

I further find it disturbing that De La Cruz conveniently omits mentioning that there will always be a part of the garbage that cannot be recycled, or composted. This fact is precisely what contributes to the need of a final disposal facility. And more importantly, there are types of waste, such as hospital waste and other toxic material, that can be properly disposed of only through incineration technology.

Be that as it may, I personally do not endorse the wide and indiscriminate use of incineration, primarily because it is far too expensive for Metro Manila. Our waste is basically "wet," owing to the higher moisture content of kitchen waste that is so prevalent in our society, and which therefore makes it harder to burn. I suspect that De La Cruz takes data acquired from the more advanced countries and tries to erroneously apply it to the Philippine situation.

At any rate, I have long espoused segregation, recycling and composting as very doable means of waste reduction. And I have long realized that solid waste disposal is everybody's concern. Let me therefore take this opportunity to call on all members of our society to do their bit toward a rationalized, long-term solution to this particular problem.—**JEJOMAR C. BINAY, 12th Floor, PDCP Bank Centre corner Herrera and Leviste Streets, Salcedo Village, Makati City**

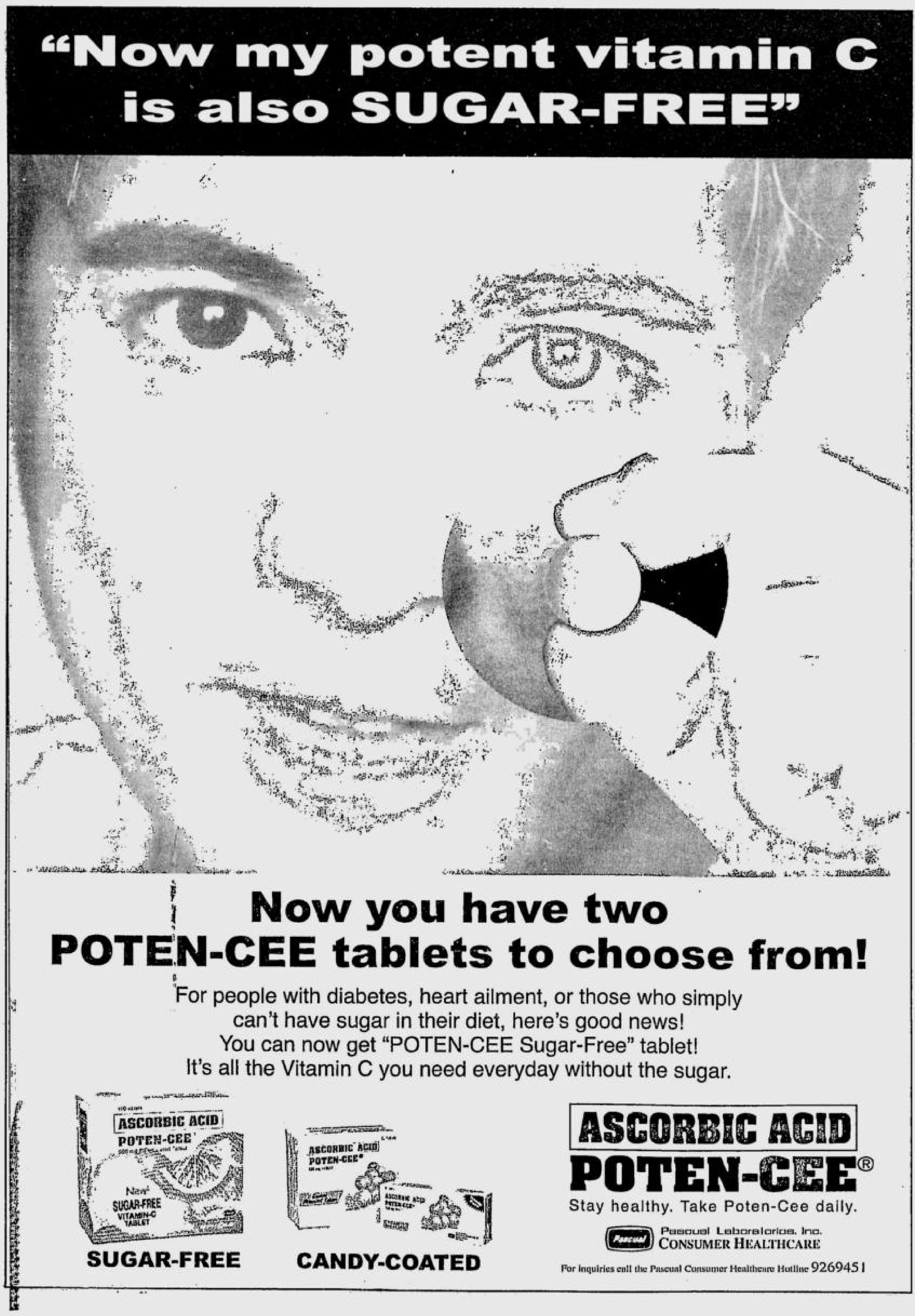
Gift from President Magsaysay

MARCH 17 of each year marks the anniversary of the death of President Ramon Magsaysay. During his time, one of his pet projects for the rural areas all over the country was the installation of a pre-fabricated schoolhouse to solve the perennial lack of schoolhouses all over the country. He formed the Pre-Fabricated School House Committee based at Camp Murphy, now Camp Aguinaldo in Quezon City. Our barrio, now Barangay Tampac in Aguilar, Pangasinan was a recipient of one unit of this type of schoolhouse. This started and developed into the present Tampac Elementary School composed of several buildings.

President Magsaysay knew the life and difficulties in the rural areas. He had great compassion for the people, especially the poor. He knew how difficult it was for young boys and girls to go to the school in the poblacion where the schools were located at that time in each town. It was in this situation when I went to school as a small boy from the barrio. Along with other boys and girls of my age, I had to suffer the difficulties along the way.

When Ramon Magsaysay became the president of the country, I wrote him a letter. I related to him my difficulties as a small boy going to and from the elementary school in town, walking seven kilometers to and from school every day, exposed to the sun, and then the cold and muddy barrio road during the rainy season.

After two weeks, a truck loaded with building materials arrived in our barrio, the first one to be allocated a pre-fabricated schoolhouse in our town. Some influential politicians wanted to divert the building materials to another barrio of their choice, but the good president ignored them and instead ordered the immediate installation of the schoolhouse. From then on, many children in our barrio acquired their early schooling in the schoolhouse President Magsaysay gave our barrio.—**CELESTINO P. TANGONAN, 2613 Molave St., United Hills Village, Parañaque City**



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An officer and a student

THIS is in response to the open letter of Col. Horacio Lapinid, public information officer of the Philippine Air Force last March 13 regarding the INQUIRER article titled, "Go count the people" wherein my husband's name was specifically mentioned.

As the wife of Col. James Koch Dimal, I take offense at the false statements of Lapinid. Had he checked their records, he would have known that while it is correct that Dimal was a student during the last six months of 2000 at the Joint Command Staff College, he was also concurrently working as the chief of staff of the Air Defense Command, PAF. Unlike the usual practice in the service, Dimal was a working student up to the time he was relieved or sacked from his post effective Dec. 4, 2000. Why would the HPAF issue a relieve order to Dimal if, as Lapinid stated, he was just a mere student then?

For the information of the PAF's information officer, that relief order came immediately after one officer, whose identity I refuse to dignify by mentioning him here, reported my husband to the PAF's commanding general, alleging that Dimal was being supportive and sympathetic to anti-Erap groups. Since then, Dimal has been faulted for his firm beliefs.

If Lapinid wants to score some brownie points with whomever he wants to impress, he can go ahead for all I care but please not at the expense of my husband. He should do his homework first before he leaps! I hope he sticks to facts devoid of statements that may mislead others.

It has been quite some time now that our national problem has been resolved and it is apparent that the new administration is trying its best to lead us to a better Philippines. At this time in our history, we need to move forward and start rebuilding. We can accomplish this only if we do our individual tasks with integrity, knowing that in the end we are all accountable to our Maker, the One who knows the truth.—**CINDY DIMAL, 29 Paredes St., Villamor Air Base, Pasay City**

PNCC reviewing tollway safety procedures

I AM writing in regard to the two unfortunate accidents which happened at the Bocaue segment of the North Luzon Tollway (NLT) last March 13 and 19, 2001.

The management of the Philippine National Construction Corp. (PNCC) would like to extend its sympathy to all the family and friends of the victims of both accidents. We deeply regret the fateful incidents. I am deeply concerned about the above and sad that my first few days at the helm of the PNCC have been greeted by the tragic loss of lives.

I am presently reviewing the various tollways operational and safety procedures and I plan to very quickly implement a massive campaign on our tollways to transform our roads, services and facilities into a zone of safety, convenience and discipline.

Please be assured of our continuing commitment to provide the motoring public with safe and efficient tollway travel and shall endeavor to prevent similar unfortunate incidents in the future.—**LUIS F. SISON, chair and CEO, Philippine National Construction Corp., Edsa corner Reliance Street, Mandaluyong City**

Genuinely fake

MY long-held suspicion that Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago was never an alumna of the Harvard Law School was proven true by Teodoro Kalaw IV, a genuine student at the Harvard Law School, who wrote to expose Santiago's spurious claim.

In all likelihood, Santiago indeed attended a summer workshop of the Program of Instruction for Lawyers which is open to whoever is interested and can pay. But given her mental condition and flawed logic, she just assumed her attendance automatically earned her alumnus status which she has brandished on every occasion, thinking nobody would bother to check. But someone has (this is the Internet age, after all).

This is almost hysterical, considering that we almost elected this woman to the presidency! Come to think of it, the senatorial aspirant again is no different from people you see on the street wearing "signature" shirts or pants with bold labels. The difference is that these people know they're wearing fake items. She obviously thinks she's a genuine item.

But I knew she was genuinely fake the very first time I heard that fake accent.—**ED DAMES, 25th Floor, The Enterprise Center Tower 2, Makati City**

License all film directors

FORMER EDUCATION Secretary Alejandro Roces, the new head of the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board, wants movie film directors licensed. This move is overdue. For years, local film directors have been foisting on moviegoers low-quality films.

Once licensed, film directors will automatically raise the quality of their work, otherwise they lose their license. Can they get their license as easily as anyone can get a community tax certificate?—**T.B. ABAYAN, 13-A Banning St., North Fairview, Quezon City**

No to censorship in all its guises

THE PHILIPPINE Educational Theater Association (Peta) believes in and strongly advocates freedom of expression. Its members believe that it is the right and the responsibility of every Filipino.

We believe in the Filipino people. We believe that the average Filipino has the capability to discern between right and wrong, good and bad.

We believe in education. We believe in the Filipino artist. We believe in art and media as powerful tools in propagating social awareness and enlightenment. We believe in the Filipino film and television industry. We believe in its artists' capabilities to present with enough care, responsibility and artistry, the realities of our lives and our society. We believe it is capable of self-regulation and classification.

We lament the intervention of political and religious figures in the matter of the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB), under Dr. Nicanor Tiongson, carrying out its duties with regard to the exhibition of the film "Live Show," a movie that has won accolades in several prestigious international film festivals.

We believe in the soundness of the MTRCB decision to rate the film as "R-18." It is not a film for children, but neither is it pornographic that the Filipino adult moviegoer should be denied the choice of watching the film or not. We believe that the events leading to the recall of the exhibition of the film in public theaters that have led to the resignation of Tiongson in the MTRCB are a suppression of the democratic process and curtail the freedom of expression.

We regret that the administration has let the judgment of personal political advisers precede that of the proper institutions such as the MTRCB in carrying out appointed duties and responsibilities. Such arbitrary decisions made by the government are a form of censorship.

The issue has moved from just a question of proper rating and the exhibition of the film in local theaters, to a situation where the proper institution tasked with upholding artistic and moral standards in film is being challenged by an entity outside of the government and the industry.

As part of the art community, Peta is urging everyone involved to safeguard not only personal views and judgment on morality, but the right to freedom of expression and the knowledge of the truth as well. Free the artist! Say "no" to censorship in al its guises!—**THE PHILIPPINE EDUCATIONAL THEATER ASSOCIATION**

Is Erap the real issue?

IS former President Joseph Estrada really the issue in the May 14 elections, as many of your columnists, among them Randy David and Rigoberto Tiglao, would want the INQUIRER readers to believe? Far from being the crux of the ongoing electoral campaign, the use of this so-called Erap issue is but a diversionary ploy of the pro-administration senatorial ticket to hide this truth: these administration lackeys do not have any comprehensive program to bring the *masa* into the economic mainstream.

Perhaps, David and Tiglao should ask the pro-administration senatorial candidates why they have ignored the challenge of their counterparts in the Laban-Puwersa ng Masa coalition for a debate on national issues. Former Press Secretary Ricardo "Dong" Puno Jr. and other Laban leaders who remained with Mr. Estrada till his final days at Malacañang have done so only because of their firm belief in due process and the constitutional right of every Filipino to be presumed innocent unless proven otherwise.

David and Tiglao should remember that Puno and several other members of the Estrada Cabinet signed last November a manifesto saying that they were staying put because they wanted the constitutional process of impeachment to take its due course. They said in the manifesto that they were loyal, not to a person, but to the institution, meaning the presidency. They respected and abided the constitutional process because in formally assuming their posts, they swore to defend and protect the Constitution.

We hope this piece puts in the proper perspective the issues that David and Tiglao have raised against the opposition senatorial candidates in their March 18 columns.—**ROBERTO CABRERA III, spokesperson for Dong Puno, 3rd Floor, DPSI Business Center, 210 Nicanor Garcia St., Bel-Air, Makati City**

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US spy plane crew returns home

OAK HARBOR, Washington—The crew of a US spy plane returned home to a hero's welcome Saturday after 11 days' detention in China, praised by family and thousands of well-wishers for performing their duty under life-threatening pressure.

The cloudy skies had cleared when the DC-9 carrying the 24-member crew from Hawaii circled Whidbey Island Naval Air Station before touching down at 3:57 p.m. (6:27 a.m. in Manila).

Thunderous applause greeted the crew as each appeared in the plane's doorway and rushed into the arms of teary-eyed wives, children, husbands and friends.

Lt. Shane Osborn and his crew then marched along a red carpet into cavernous Hangar Six of Ault Field, waving US flags to thunderous applause of those present.

Family and friends lined the tarmac, waving bouquets of flowers and home-made signs reading "Welcome home, heroes!"

At the podium dignitaries, including Washington State Gov. Gary Locke and US Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell, were dwarfed by a giant American flag at the end of the hangar.

"To all Americans, thank you for your unwavering support!" Northwest Regional Navy Commander Rear Admiral Vincent Smith said before some 5,000 flag-waving people.

Osborn was singled out for praise by his crew, who said he successfully stabilized the damaged plane as it plummeted towards the South China Sea, after colliding with a Chinese fighter jet.

"I credit him with saving the lives of his crew," said Base Reconnaissance Commander Rear Admiral Michael Holmes.

Locke said the 21 men and three women had performed "a near-miracle" in saving the crippled US Navy EP-3 Aries surveillance plane and destroying the sensitive equipment and material on board.

The Democratic governor also praised the administration of President George W. Bush for resolving the standoff.

"As Americans we can look at this as a crisis averted and say that our government rose to the occasion and succeeded," Locke said, calling the episode "a model for the peaceful resolution of future challenges."

An emotional Osborn thanked Americans for their "overwhelming" support through the ordeal.

"We didn't know for while if anyone knew, other than the top officials," he said. "It just confirms what we all believe: the spirit is still strong in the United States of America."

This rural island of tree-covered hills and narrow pastures nestled in the heart of Puget Sound lived through every tense moment of the standoff that began on April 1, when the EP-3 collided with the Chinese fighter.

Like many areas throughout this country, ties between military and civilians here run deep: military personnel account for 7,000 of the island's population of 62,000, and those not directly connected with the military know someone who is, or who used to be.

For days now the streets of Whidbey Island's closely knit communities have been bedecked with Stars and Stripes flags, yellow ribbons and balloons and banners welcoming the "Whidbey 24."

Fluttering yellow ribbons also sprouted from every available street light, tree and fence post.

Despite damage to its navigating equipment, the lumbering EP-3 made it to Lingshui Airport on China's Hainan island. The Chinese jet hurtled into the sea, presumably killing the Chinese pilot.

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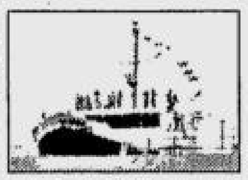
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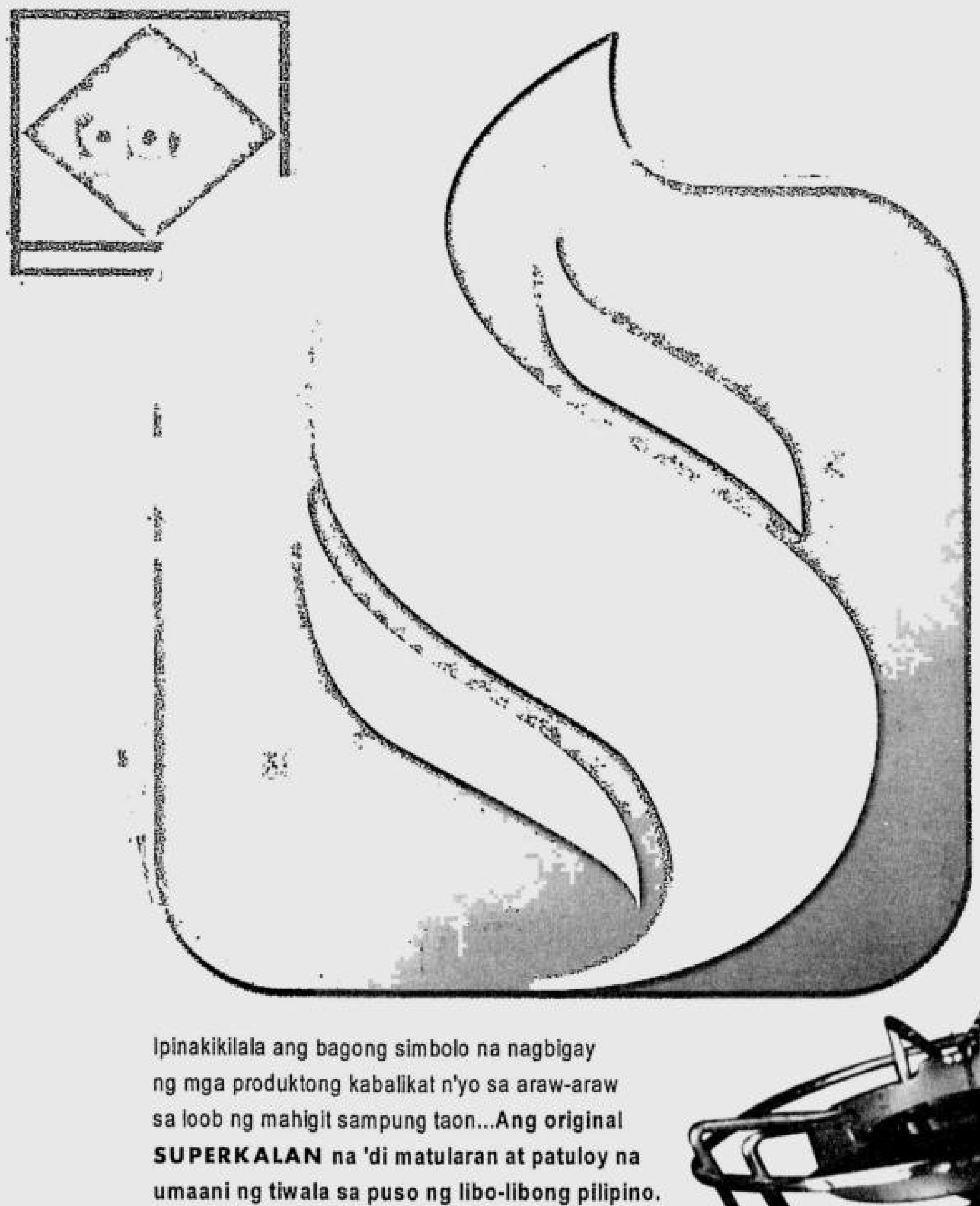
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Bets vying to succeed Mori take campaign to the streets

TOKYO—The four candidates in a race to replace unpopular Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori on Saturday sought to differentiate their policies as they left Tokyo for the time since kicking off their campaign three days ago.

Speaking to thousands of people in downtown Osaka, Japan's second largest city, the four contenders spoke mainly about ways to pull the economy out of its longest slump in decades.

Along with former Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, former Health Minister Junichiro Koizumi, party policy chief Shizuka Kamei and Economic Minister Taro Aso are running in the party elections scheduled for April 24.

The winner will be elected as president of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party and thus prime minister, given the party's sheer dominance in Parliament.

Front-runner Hashimoto called for more private-sector contributions to cover the cost of health insurance for the elderly as a way of reducing public outlays. Soaring public spending to boost the economy has made Japan the most indebted industrialized nation.

"I see the need for combining private-sector insurance with coverage by the public system and taxes," Hashimoto said.

Aso and Kamei, however, told supporters in Osaka that more public spending was required to spur growth and speed up the disposal of banks' massive bad debts.

FORMER prime minister Ryutaro Hashimoto (right) and reformer Junichiro Koizumi, two of four candidates in the race to lead Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party, campaign in Tokyo, April 15.
REUTERS

Koizumi, meanwhile, called for reform within the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, which has been widely criticized for backroom dealings to select its leader and decide on public policy.

He has also criticized heavy reliance on public spending to prop up the economy, a view supported by many in Japan.

"It is condemnable to call for more public spending, to be swayed by every cyclical move in the economy," a leading daily Mainichi newspaper said. *AP*

Australia may not ratify Kyoto pact

CANBERRA, Australia—The Australian government indicated Sunday it won't ratify the Kyoto agreement on climate change, drawing immediate criticism from a global meeting of environmental activists.

Australian Environment Minister Sen. Robert Hill said the Kyoto Protocol for reducing greenhouse gas emissions was defunct because the United States would not ratify it.

"I don't think Kyoto can last without the US," Hill told Seven Network television from New York. Hill is in the United States to assess Washington's stance on greenhouse gas issues.

To come into force, the 1997 treaty requires 55 countries to ratify it. The 55 countries must also be responsible for at least 55 percent of greenhouse gas emissions.

The United States produces 25 percent of global emissions.

Australia is the world's biggest emitter per head of population, responsible for nearly 2 percent of emissions while accounting for 1 percent of global economic activity.

Hill said Australia would not ratify the treaty ahead of the United States.

"We've always said we wouldn't ratify ahead of the US," he said.

President George Bush said last month he would back out of the Kyoto Protocol because major developing nations were not covered by it.

Under the agreement, developed countries agreed to legally binding targets for curbing heat-trapping "greenhouse" gases, which are mainly carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels. *AP*

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6 killed in Aceh violence

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia—At least six people were killed in renewed violence in the Indonesian province of Aceh at the weekend, police and residents said.

A policeman was killed and three others were injured after a truck carrying them was ambushed by separatist rebels on Saturday, North Aceh district police Adjunct Senior Commissioner Wanto Sumardi said.

The truck, which had left Lhokseumawe, the main district town of North Aceh, overturned after it passed over a landmine and was hit by a grenade, Sumardi said Sunday.

The driver of the police truck was killed.

The local spokesman of the separatist Free Aceh Movement (GAM), Abu Zarkata, said his group carried out the attack.

"We will continue to launch similar actions as long as they (the Indonesian security forces) remain arrogant on the field and continue to hurt the people by their field operations," Zarkata said.

A soldier was shot dead by two men in the North Aceh subdistrict of Dewantara on Friday, Sumardi said.

The local GAM deputy commander, Sofyan Daud, denied the assailants were rebels and instead accused the military of having shot dead a civilian in Lhok Kuyuen, in North Aceh during a military operation Saturday.

Soldiers also shot dead a 13-year-old high school student in East Aceh on Saturday, said Sulaiman, a human rights activist.

Another civilian was wounded by gunshot and was being treated at the general hospital in Langsa, the main town in East Aceh, he added. *AFP*

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Singapore reshapes teaching career

SINGAPORE—Teachers will get significant pay rises, receive more performance-related bonuses and have more opportunity to improve themselves outside the classroom under a new Singapore plan to "reshape the teaching career." Education Minister Teo Chee Hean said Saturday that the wealthy city-state needs to "ensure that teaching remains an attractive career choice" and that the younger generation of teachers were given room to develop. Teo said the new education plan would cost the ministry an extra $96 million this year—an 8.4 percent increase in manpower expenditure. "We want to create a culture of professional excellence which nurtures the individual and motivates all as a team to achieve superior performance," Teo told a group of educators. Singapore has been moving away from traditional rote learning in an effort to teach more creative thinking in schools. Students in Singapore top the world in math and science scores, but some say the young people are not the world's best at applying information to research. *AP*

Trial of China's worst criminal begins

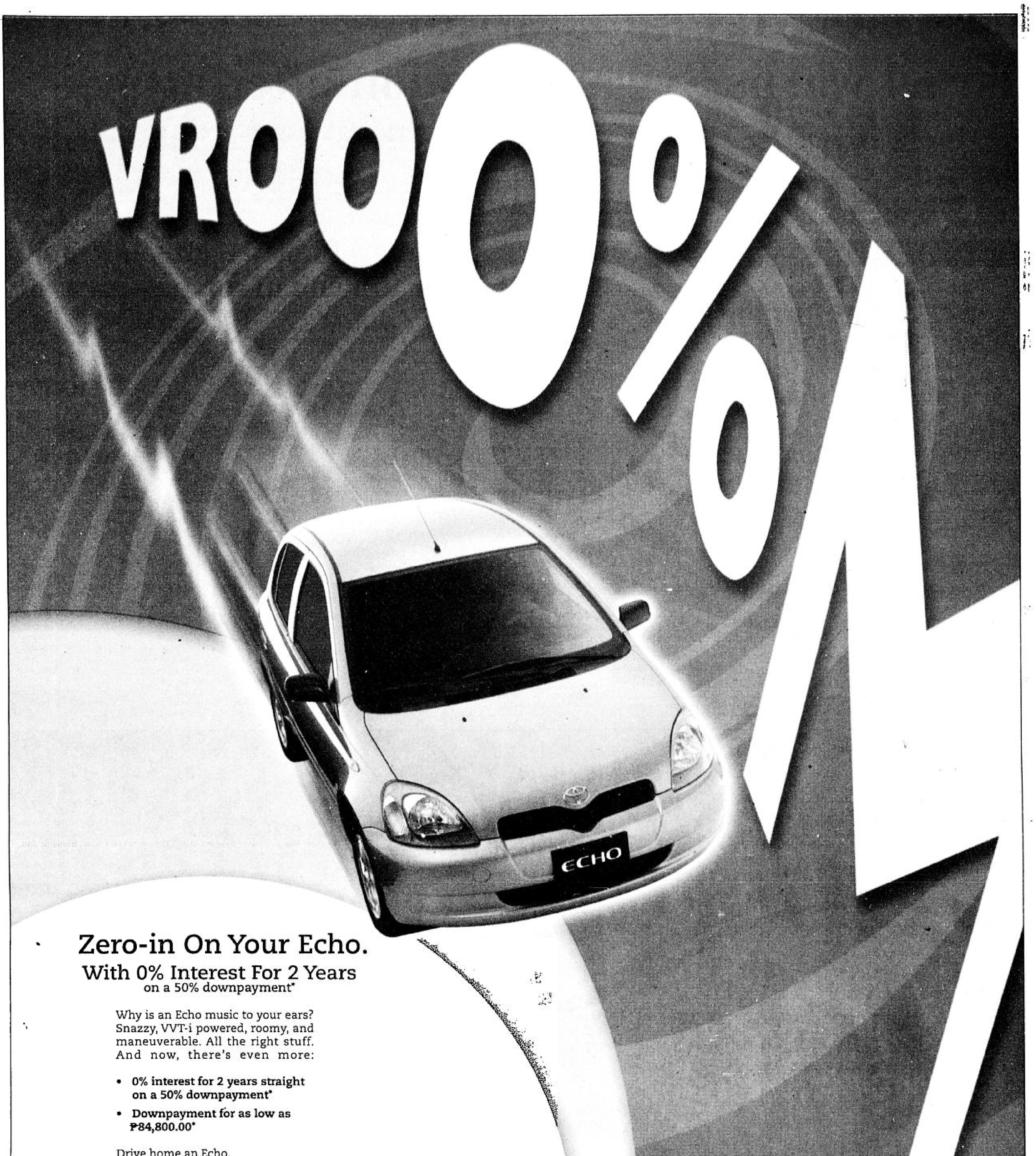
BEIJING—The crime shocked even China's violence-inured public: a daytime holdup of an armored car on a city street that left seven dead in a hail of bullets. Zhang Jun, the alleged leader of the bloody Sept. 1 robbery attempt and 21 other crimes, went on trial Saturday in a heavily publicized court case. Seventeen men accused of being members of his gang stood trial with him. "Murdering Demon No Longer Loose!" trumpeted a headline in Sunday's government-run Beijing Morning Post. "He gets his just deserts for crimes difficult to pardon." As angry rhetoric over the US spy plane standoff cooled momentarily in the state press, the realities of China's rocky road to modernization were again making themselves felt. Attention is returning to Beijing's war on organized crime. The reappearance of criminal gangs—declared extinct by the communists when they took over China in 1949—is an unwelcome product of two decades of looser social and economic controls. Public outrage at China's rising crime rate, and terror of increasingly brazen criminal gangs, is apparently behind the fascination with Zhang. Coverage of the first day of a trial is rare and a sign of popular interest in the case. *AP*

World's first medical honey authorized

BRISBANE—Doctors have been authorized to use what is described as the world's first medical honey to treat wounds and infections that resist traditional medication, officials said Sunday. Doctors in the state of Queensland can prescribe and use Medihoney starting May 1, with the honey also being used in the state's public hospitals, officials said. The honey comes from bees that feed on the flowers of a rare Australian tree. Queensland Primary Industries Minister Henry Palaszczuk said that the product had been approved by state medial officials because of its anti-bacterial properties. Good results were obtained in tests when doctors applied the honey to patients suffering from leg ulcers and bedsores, officials said. *AP*

'Slave ship' languishes at sea

COTONOU, Benin—Fears were mounting Saturday for the welfare of scores of suspected child slaves said to be languishing on a filthy, crowded ship in the tropical waters of the Gulf of Guinea after being turned away from two African ports. As hours passed with no sign of the ship, the representative of the UN children's agency in Benin expressed concern that the captain might try to dump his human cargo at sea to hide the evidence. Unicef Representative Estelle Guluman said that although it would be distressing to find the boat filled with sick children, "If the boat comes here and there are no children aboard, I would be even more worried." UN and other officials thought the ship could contain anywhere between 100 and 250 children from Benin and other countries in the region destined for slavery. *AP*



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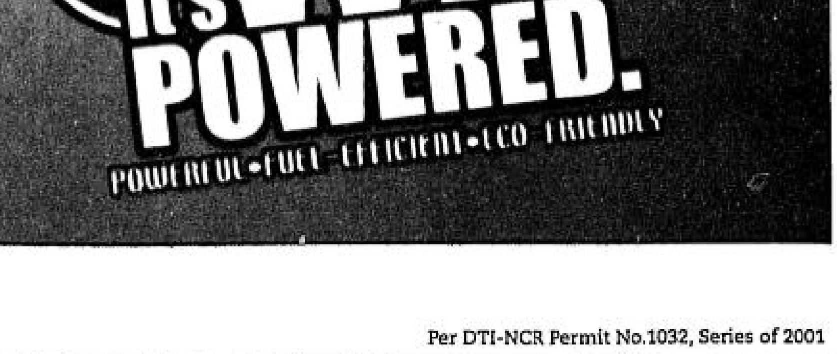

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Israel warns Syria, Lebanon after attack

JERUSALEM—Israel issued a stiff warning on Sunday to Syria and Lebanon after a deadly Hezbollah attack that enflamed cross-border tensions, while violence flared in the West Bank, where a bomb exploded near an army post.

The events threatened to undermine renewed efforts to quell almost seven months of blazing Palestinian violence, with a further round of US-hosted security talks between Israel and the Palestinians and a meeting between Israeli and Jordanian foreign ministers due on Monday.

Defense Minister Binyamin Ben Eliezer said Israel held Damascus and Beirut responsible for the actions of the Shiite Muslim Hezbollah after a soldier was killed in a missile strike on a tank in the disputed Sheban farms border region on Saturday.

Israeli war planes bombed Hezbollah targets in south Lebanon in response, the first such incident on the Lebanese front since hardline Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon took office March 7.

"The full responsibility lies on Syria and Lebanon. If they don't rein in Hezbollah, they'll pay the price," Ben Eliezer told army radio.

"If they think we will stay with our arms crossed, they are greatly fooling themselves," he said, calling the attack a "sickly provocation."

Israeli public radio said Foreign Minister Shimon Peres called on the United States, France and UN Secretary General Kofi Anan to impress upon the Lebanese government the need to stop attacks from its territory by Hezbollah.

As Beirut is trying to reassure the international community and attract foreign investment, the Lebanese government seemed irritated by the attack.

The newspaper of Lebanese Prime Minister Rafiq Hariri strongly criticized the timing of the attack by the Shiite militant movement: "Does the situation in Lebanon allow such an operation now without fear of the negative consequences on the political, economic and social levels?" the newspaper asked.

The mountainous Shebaa Farms region, which lies at the intersection of Israel, Lebanon and Syria, has been held by the Jewish state since 1967 but is claimed by Beirut. *AFP*

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Funeral for black teener shot by Cincinnati cop passes calmly

CINCINNATI, Ohio—Funeral services for slain black teenager Timothy Thomas passed peacefully here Saturday, a week after his fatal shooting by a white police officer triggered a wave of racially-charged violence.

Hundreds of mourners packed a Baptist church and spilled onto the streets outside on a sweltering Cincinnati afternoon to see the parents, family and friends of Thomas bid farewell to the teenager.

Relatives paid tribute to the unarmed youth who was gunned down in a dark alley as he tried to flee police, with the teenager's father, Eric Leisure, saying: "Yes, we miss you and we'll constantly shed tears, but we'll always thank God for those 19 years."

But the personal was quickly lost in the political as a string of politicians and national black leaders took to the podium to address the city's tense state of race relations in the wake of the teen's violent death.

Cincinnati Mayor Charlie Luken expressed his sorrow, but said he hoped Thomas' death would be a catalyst for change in the city—where, as in many older US cities, elements of informal racial segregation are still seen in housing and schooling.

"What I would ask is that today be a catalyst for a new Cincinnati that seriously embraces economic justice, social justice and an end to racism," Luken told the congregation.

Ohio Gov. Bob Taft called for reconciliation and for a "healing process" to begin, after the scenes of mob violence earlier this week when hundreds of rioters took to the streets, looting, torching dustcarts and hurling bricks at white motorists.

Outside, the overwhelmingly black crowd wore stickers and T-shirts and carried fliers critical of the Cincinnati police department.

"Danger: Police in the area," read one sticker printed up by the Black Panther movement, while others carried flyers saying "Slain but not in vain."

One young T-shirt printer had even made up a few t-shirts with the message "No justice, no peace, these our streets, f... the police. 1981-2001."

But overall, the mood was relaxed and even conciliatory.

"I just hope after today the city leaders will sit down and talk to the African-American youth of this town," said Vernon Kelly, 35, a youth worker with the city's social services.

Ohio Secretary of State Ken Blackwell said many of the blacks he had spoken to felt disillusioned and disenfranchised.

But "I told them that the system is not without promise to meet their legitimate interest and needs," he told reporters.

"The great leaders of the civil rights struggles have demonstrated over the years we must have the courage, not to get restless, but to act with a common purpose," Blackwell said.

Many in the black community, while not condoning the violence, point out that were it not for the riots, the killing of Thomas—the 15th killing of a black man by the city's police force since 1995—would not have garnered the attention it has from local or federal authorities, or the news media.

US Attorney General John Ashcroft, acting in response to a request from the mayor, has ordered a thorough review of the force by US Justice Department civil rights specialists in the wake of Thomas' death.

The city's police department has "nothing to hide," the mayor said Friday—but he is determined that the force be given a clean bill of health by an independent third party.

He did acknowledge that the string of killings has undermined the black community's confidence in the force. *AFP*

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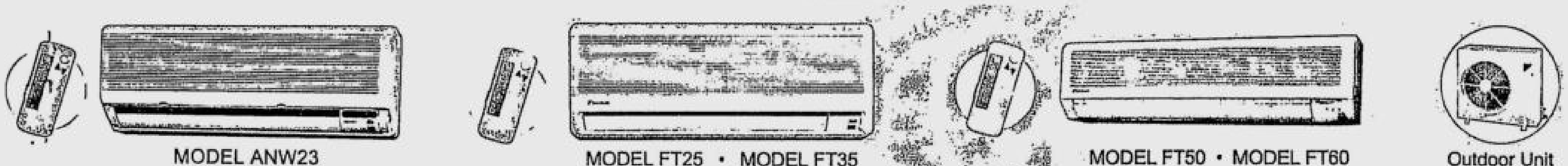

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Lina criticizes GMA meeting with Manero

SAN PABLO CITY—Interior Secretary Jose Lina Jr., a Church leader here and the Bagong Alyansang Makabayan-Southern Tagalog have expressed displeasure at the sudden turnaround of President Macapagal-Arroyo on priest killer Norberto Manero Jr.

Giving in to Manero's pleadings, Lina said, has given wrong signals to the people and all the convicts now serving their sentences in the national penitentiary and other jails.

"Having granted audience to a notorious criminal, the President made people think that it is all right to be a criminal and a convict because, anyway, the President is compassionate and willing to forgive," he added.

"You can just imagine convicts of heinous crimes still serving their sentences…coming out (of) jail to ask (for) Arroyo's audience and demand concessions from the government, simply because of the precedent set by Manero," Lina said.

He advised Manero to repent and turn away from his evil ways.

Fr. Philip Atienza, director of the Social Action Center of the San Pablo Diocese, told the INQUIRER that Ms Macapagal's "special treatment" of Manero only proved that her administration was capable of becoming like that of ousted President Joseph Estrada.

"This showed that this new administration lacks political will and is (not) serious in telling people that nobody is above the law," Atienza said.

Pastor Mel Abesamis, secretary general of Bayan-Southern Tagalog, expressed disgust over Ms Macapagal's smile at and handshake with the "notorious and unrepentant criminal."

"Arroyo's special treatment (of) a criminal (Manero) brought insults to the Filipino people. (But) the President has no time to attend to and hear the appeals of about 200 political prisoners whose only crime was their political beliefs," said the protestant pastor.

Abesamis said Manero did not deserve all the attention given by the President and the media.

"If he seeks justice, Manero should remember that the families, congregation and friends of all his victims (aside from Fr. Favali) have long been seeking justice," he said.

In Lucena City, the militant Bagong Alyansang Makabayan-Quezon chapter has condemned the meeting between Manero and the President.

"We were surprised and disgusted with how the President wasted her time and effort with someone who is convicted (of) a criminal offense, while the agenda of the struggling people (fall) on her deaf ears," Pedro Gonzalez, Bayan-Quezon chair, said.

The meeting, according to Gonzalez, "directly betrays the trust of the people, particularly the throng of coconut farmers who rallied on March 28 to 31 at the Philippine Coconut Authority and at the Mendiola Bridge near the Malacañang Palace."

He said this only proves one thing: "That the people power-installed President prefers giving due time to a much lower life form rather than talk to the masses on their legitimate complaints and grievances." *Romulo Ponte and Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Cell site attackers hunted

COTABATO CITY—Police and military authorities have launched a province-wide manhunt against suspected communist rebels who burned a Piltel transmitter in Koronadal City Tuesday last week.

The incident, which occurred despite a government ceasefire, cut the communication line of some 1,000 Piltel subscribers in Koronadal City, Maj. Jose Boso, chief of the AFP civil relation service for South-Central Mindanao, said.

Boso said the rebels, wearing battle uniforms, barged into the transmitter site in Purok Pag-asa, Barangay Paraiso before midnight of Tuesday.

He said the armed men, suspected to be members of the NPA Front 73 Committee, managed to enter the site by posing as soldiers on patrol.

The suspects disarmed and hogtied security guard Carmilo Prusial and, before leaving, left a letter saying Piltel failed to pay revolutionary taxes to the Juanito Banda Command of the Front 73 Committee.

The letter also warned of more attacks until Piltel pays. *Edwin O. Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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Cordillera farmers raise fears on 'suicide seeds'

BAGUIO CITY—Farmers in the Cordillera have raised fears that genetically engineered rice seeds introduced by the government in the region will displace indigenous rice seeds used by farmers throughout the centuries.

A study conducted by the Cordillera Women's Education and Resource Center said farmers in traditional Cordillera farming communities had labeled the genetically engineered rice varieties as "suicide seeds" because of their effects on their crop production.

The study said the seeds—Rc-54 and IR 64—have caused low productivity in Cordillera farmlands after these were used as alternatives for the indigenous variety of rice seeds.

The Rc-54 variety became popular to local farmers because it grew faster than the native variety when it was introduced to farmers of Tinglayan, Kalinga.

Used as a second crop, this variety, according to farmers, could also be harvested sooner than the native varieties.

Local farmers, however, said the Rc-54 variety needs more chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

The CWERC study said farmers pointed to the IR 64 variety as the culprit in the decreasing yield of their farms.

"Some said that after three croppings, the volume of rice harvested was no longer as much as the volume (the farmers) were able to harvest during the first cropping," the study said.

The study said local farmers are also forced to buy the seeds that drain their limited cash as indigenous varieties are slowly disappearing in the region's farmlands.

But the Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice) said the government did not foresee the problem of Cordillera farmers with the entry of genetically engineered rice seeds.

"These modern varieties were not meant to 'kill,' let alone displace, the indigenous rice variety in the Cordillera or anywhere else. The modern varieties were introduced so that Cordillera farmers may have more rice varieties to choose from when they plant," PhilRice, in a faxed statement to the INQUIRER, said. ***Desiree Caluza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***

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Marcoses' loyalty uncertain

LAOAG CITY—Despite getting the administration's endorsement through Lakas regional chair Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson, the Marcoses indicated their support to the senatorial candidates of deposed President Joseph Estrada by showing up at the Puwersa ng Masa campaign sortie here.

For his part, Estrada did not only get the support of the Ilocanos here when he courted them to vote for the opposition.

He also got Ilocos Norte Gov. Ferdinand Marcos Jr. and Rep. Imee Marcos behind him when the former president appeared in Ilocos Norte, the bailiwick of the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos.

Estrada opened his speech by showing his gratefulness to the Ilocanos for their support.

"I cannot grasp the right words to thank the people of Ilocos Norte for your spontaneous response. I would also like to thank your handsome Gov. Bongbong Marcos and your intelligent Congresswoman Imee Marcos," Estrada told the crowd.

It was the first opposition campaign sortie staged in the Ilocos region after Estrada was ousted from Malacañang following Singson's charges that the former president had accepted millions of pesos in "jueteng" payoffs.

The Marcoses' Kilusang Bagong Lipunan earlier signified their alliance with the administration Lakas-NUCD during the KBL's proclamation rally here on April 3.

Singson, who was guest of honor during the KBL rally, also announced that the Lakas was endorsing the KBL candidates as the administration candidates.

The Marcos siblings tried to distance themselves from the Puwersa rally by staying backstage while senatorial candidates Dr. Luisa "Loi" Ejercito, Miriam Defensor-Santiago, Juan Ponce Enrile and Ombra Tamano spoke to the crowd.

The Marcos siblings only joined the candidates on stage when Estrada arrived later in the evening. They immediately made their way out of the stage as soon as Estrada was seated with the Puwersa candidates.

Enrile, one of the players of the 1986 People Power Revolt against Marcos, publicly showed his gratitude for the Marcos siblings.

"We owe Governor Marcos and Rep. Imee Marcos a personal gratitude for their warm welcome in your province. Governor Marcos was one of those who assisted us today," Enrile said. *Cristina Arzadon, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Columns put mayoral bet in trouble

BY RAJ PADILLA
PDI Visayas Bureau

ILOILO CITY—The candidate for mayor here of the ruling party Lakas-NUCD faces a disqualification complaint before the Commission on Elections on charges that he violated provisions of Republic Act 9006, known as the Fair Election Act.

In his complaint filed before the Comelec legal department Wednesday, lawyer Cornelio Panes said former city councilor and now mayoral candidate Jerry Treñas violated RA 9006 when he continued writing columns for three local daily newspapers (Panay News, Daily Informer, and The Visayas Examiner) even after the campaign period for local candidates began on March 30.

Panes cited Section 6.6 of the Act, titled "Equal Access to Media Time and Space," which states that print and broadcast journalists, including newspaper columnists, who run for an elective post or who campaign for or were employed by candidate or political parties are deemed resigned, if required by their employer, or shall take a leave of absence from their work during the campaign period.

Panes said Treñas should be disqualified from running for the position and his certificate of candidacy be cancelled.

He added that the candidate should be made to answer for whatever criminal offenses he may have committed.

Treñas now leads way ahead of his rivals in surveys conducted by dyFM Bombo Radyo and the Internlink News Service.

Panes said that from March 30 to April 9, Treñas came out with 21 published editions of his columns "Think Big" and "Kolum" in blatant violation of the law.

Treñas, he added, also used the column head "Think Iloilo" in Panay News and Visayas Examiner which is also his campaign slogan "Think Big, Think Iloilo."

Treñas has been writing columns for the three newspapers since December last year. His candidacy is backed by Iloilo City Rep. Raul Gonzalez and outgoing Mayor Mansueto Malabor.

Panes said Treñas is a practicing lawyer, "thus his education as such…should be taken as an aggravating circumstance against him."

Panes filed the complaint by mail. It is expected to reach the office of lawyer Jose Balbuena, head of the legal department of the Comelec central office, on Monday.

Treñas described the filing of the disqualification case against him as "plain harassment."

Treñas said he expected the legal action from Panes, who is also a columnist of Panay News and who Treñas claimed was one of the lawyers of his opponent, Vice Mayor Guillermo Dela Llana.

"I will face this political harassment suit," he said.

Use of armed escorts probed

BY ROMY AMARADO
PDI Visayas Bureau

DUMAGUETE CITY—The Commission on Elections here is looking into allegations that reelectionist Negros Oriental Rep. Jacinto Paras is using soldiers and militiamen in his campaign sorties in the mountain barangays.

Rogelio Benjamin, Comelec supervisor in Negros Oriental, said the charges should be investigated because these were "very serious."

Lawyer Reynaldo Tuanda Sr., one of Paras' opponents in the congressional race in the first district, made the allegation in a forum on April 7 sponsored by reporters in Dumaguete.

Tuanda said Paras had been bringing along a truck loaded with Civilian Armed Forces Geographical Unit members and soldiers whenever he campaigns in the hinterland villages of the first district.

Paras, who attended the same forum, quickly denied Tuanda's claim, saying it was just a product of his opponent's imagination.

He said he just sought the help of the Army in a series of medical missions he sponsored in the hinterland barangays.

Paras said there was no need for him to seek protection from the Army and the Cafgus because his district is peaceful despite the presence of the New People's Army and other rebel groups.

Benjamin said he would confer with the police provincial office and the commander of the Philippine Army's 66th Infantry Battalion based in Guihulngan town, Paras' hometown, to validate the report.

He also said there was a need for the police and the Army to stay neutral in the May elections because otherwise, he said, "the will of the people might be subverted."

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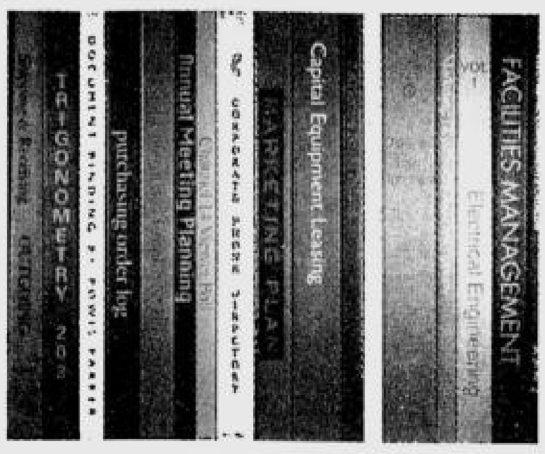

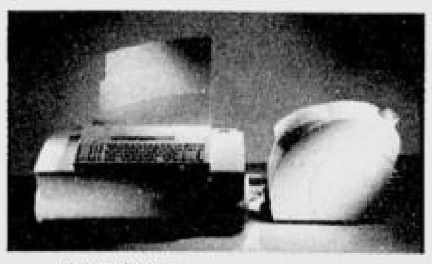

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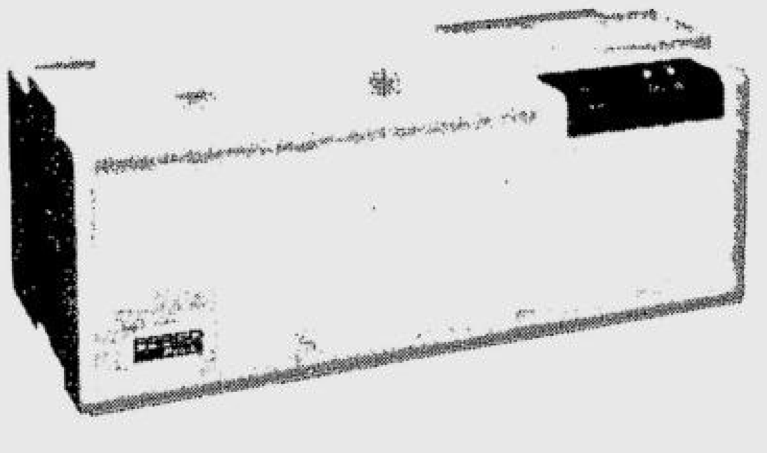

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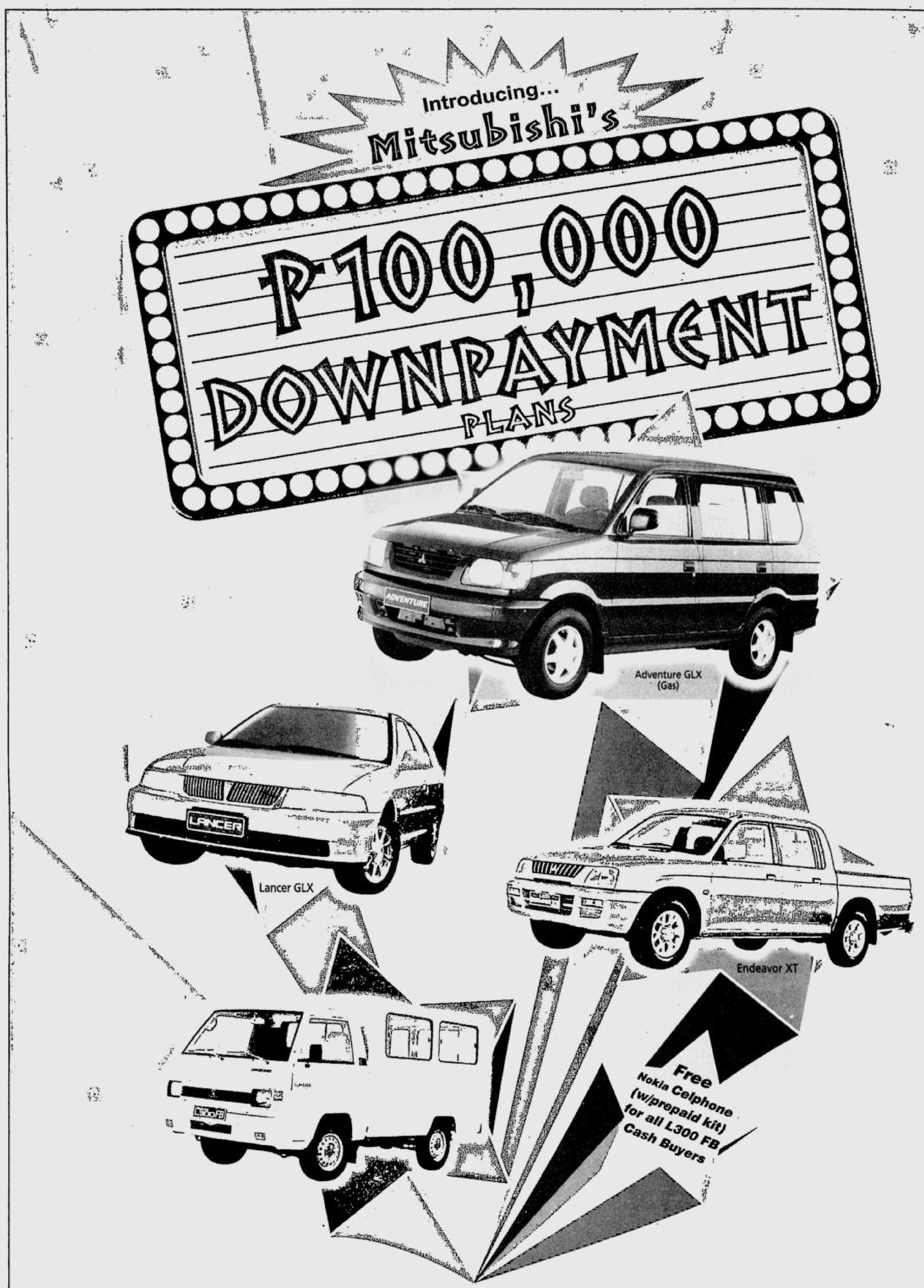

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DrugWatch says it's a private group

THE PARTY-LIST group DrugWatch has denied that it was being funded by the Philippine National Police and other government agencies.

In a statement, DrugWatch spokesman Peter Sing said the group's accusers should further research the background and current affairs of DrugWatch.

"DrugWatch is different from MAD (Mamamayan Ayaw sa Droga, another party-list candidate) because it is a totally private organization serving indigent families with children who are drug dependents," Sing said in the statement.

"Unlike the latecomer MAD, we have been active in the anti-drug community for 11 years," the statement said.

"In fact, our campaign platform includes the passage of a law imposing stiff penalties against rogue cops who recycle seized drugs."

According to Sing, the DrugWatch was founded in 1989 by then Sen. Ernesto "Boy" Herrera, who is now running for senator after spending a term at the House of Representatives.

The DrugWatch, whose top nominee for a party-list seat in the House is Susan "Toots" Ople, has lobbied for the inclusion of drug trafficking in the list of heinous crimes that should be punishable by death.

In the statement, Ople was quoted as saying DrugWatch volunteers see the coming elections on May 14 as a forum through which the people could discuss the drug problems now facing the country.

"We want to fight for a more professional and long-term approach to drug prevention," said Ople.

Suspension of vice mayor stays, execs told

BY ALEX PAL
PDI Visayas Bureau

DUMAGUETE CITY—Provincial Attorney Erwin Vergara warned local officials of La Libertad town against disobeying a Sandiganbayan order placing the town's vice mayor, Napoleon Camero, under preventive suspension for 90 days.

In a letter to municipal accountant Rene T. Opada, Vergara warned that local officials could be guilty of contempt of court if they refused to obey the court order.

"The governor and all local officials of La Libertad cannot do anything except to obey to the letter the order of the Sandiganbayan," Vergara said.

Opada had sought clarification on the preventive suspension of Camero after the vice mayor furnished town officials a copy of a letter he sent to Negros Oriental Gov. George Arnaiz asking the governor not to enforce the suspension order.

The Sandiganbayan ordered Camero suspended for 90 days pending the outcome of a criminal case filed against him in 1997. The suspension was to take effect March 14-June 11, 2001.

The order was sent to Arnaiz for implementation.

Arnaiz said the case stemmed from Camero's dismissal of a midwife in La Libertad when Camero was still the town mayor.

Camero, who is running for mayor under the Lakas-NUCD, had opposed the suspension and has a pending motion to have the case dismissed. *Alex Pal, PDI Visayas Bureau*

Dolphin, whale season starts

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—It was a sight to behold.

Hundreds of dolphins were seen by a team of tourism officials and local environmentalists in waters off Binuangan and Salay towns on Wednesday.

Aside from the dolphins, the team also saw two pygmy killer whales, locally known as *lumod*, trailing the dolphins as it swam toward Camiguin Island.

A helicopter pilot of the National Power Corp. reported spotting four whale sharks the size of small ships swimming from Surigao toward waters between Camiguin and Bohol islands.

The whale and dolphin season has arrived in Northern Mindanao.

"They (dolphins) were like having a party. I never saw so many dolphins in my life," said Dorothy Pabayo, director of the Department of Tourism in Region 10.

Pabayo said they sighted at least four dolphin species—the long-snouted spinner dolphin, fraser's dolphin, bottlenose dolphin and risso's dolphin last week.

"They (dolphins) were just frolicking in the water. It was a sight to behold," Pabayo told the INQUIRER.

Pabayo and several divers went out to sea last week to check if the whales and dolphins have arrived for their annual migration in the waters between Negros, Bohol, Cebu and Northern Mindanao.

The state-owned Napocor lent a helicopter to the DOT to help in the search.

The team was just out at sea for two days when it came upon the schools of dolphins last week.

"Do not chase them. Do not cut across their path. Do not approach them head-on," this was the advice given by tourism officials to would-be watchers of dolphins and whales.

"Do not crowd them. Do not rush them," Pabayo said.

A good rule for watchers to follow, Pabayo said, is to "let the dolphins and whales come to you."

"Don't frighten them. Let them get used to your presence," she said.

Pabayo said the team was able to get close to the dolphins that they were able to see the two trailing pygmy killer whales.

According to Jose Ma. Lorenzo Tan's Field Guide to Whales and Dolphins in the Philippines, dolphins and whales proliferate in waters between Negros, Cebu, Bohol and Northern Mindanao in the months of January to June.

The book said this is the time waters are teeming with phytoplankton and zooplanktons, the main staple of dolphins and whales.

Pollution in the ocean, however, presents a continuing danger to the whales and dolphins.

Pabayo said they saw a big number of plastic bags dumped from ships floating in the waters.

She called on the PNP maritime and local officials to enforce environmental laws strictly during the whaling and dolphin season.

Pabayo said the whales and dolphins are a viable economic alternative for poor fishermen who could learn lessons on eco-tourism. *Froilan Gallardo, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Gov stops blasting for road near caves

BAYOMBONG, Nueva Vizcaya—Fearing environmental damage from dynamite blasting in a village in Kasibu town where the world-class Capissaan Caves are located, provincial officials have ordered the suspension of construction work in the area.

Gov. Rodolfo Agbayani issued the suspension order after members of the Sang-at Salug Outdoor Club (SSOC) visited the caves to inspect the tourism spot and confirm damages on cave walls and roofs because of the blasting activities.

The blasting was done to remove huge rocks that would be traversed by the ongoing construction of an alternate road in the village.

Agbayani also ordered an investigation of the contractor of the alternate road project in the village because of the reported destruction of the caves' geological formations.

"The governor wanted to know why the caves incurred damages despite assurances by the contractor of the project that blasting operations would not affect the caves," said Genaro Basilio Jr., chief of the provincial government's public affairs and information assistance division.

SSOC member Eric Bangad, in an initial report to the provincial tourism office on March 29, said hundreds of stalactites and stalagmites, mostly located at the middle part of the Alayan and Lion's caves, were broken while others fell because of the impact of dynamite blasting nearby.

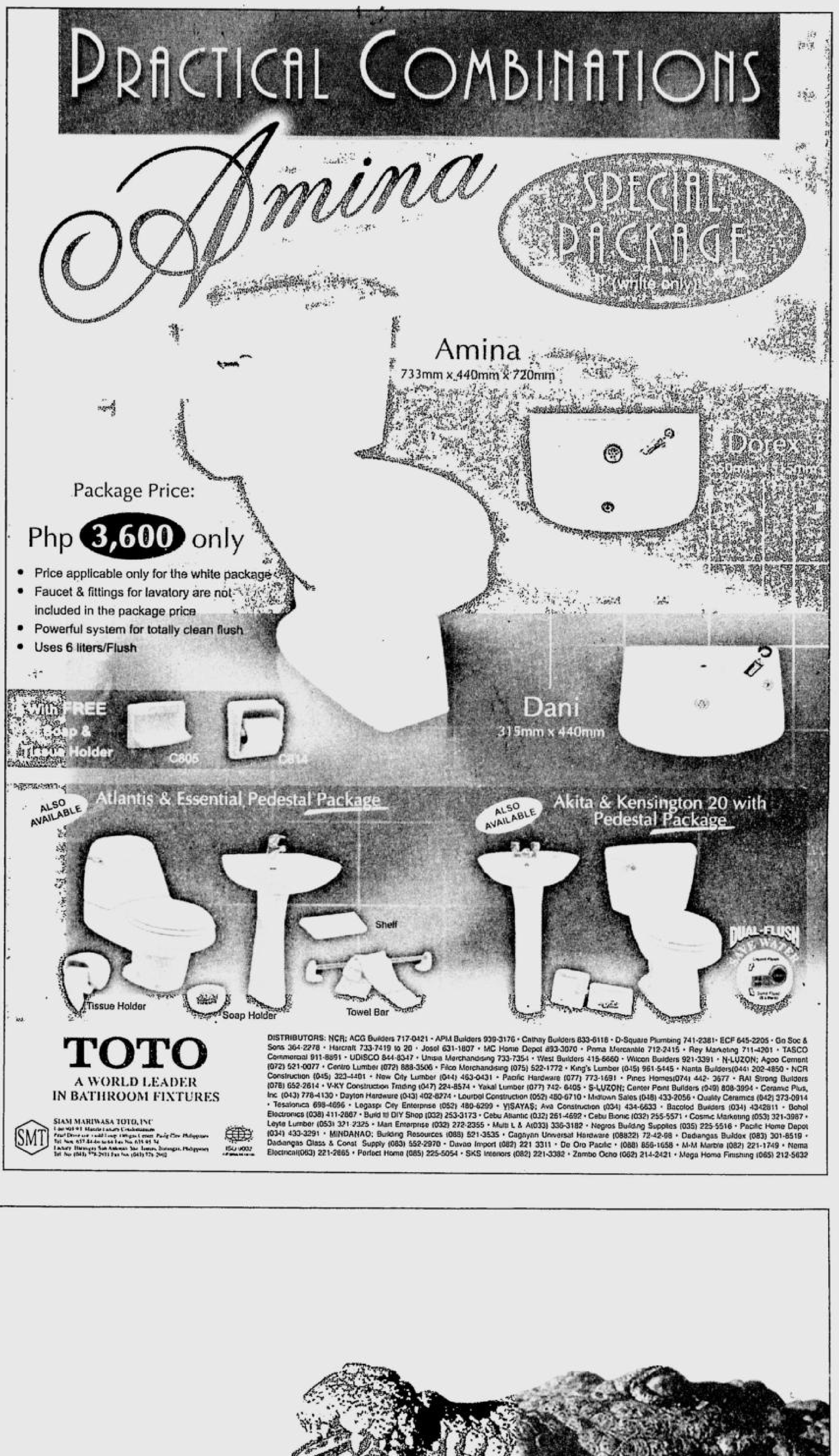
SSOC members also reported that karst (a barren limestone region characterized by fissures, caves and underground channels) and huge limestone formations, considered one of the potential wonders inside the caves, have either collapsed or suffered huge cracks from the vibrations.

The club also submitted pictures and a written report on the damage suffered by the caves to the provincial tourism office.

Engineer Jimmy Romano, project manager of the 2.5-kilometer road project, denied the alleged destruction of the caves in Kasibu.

"We have coordinated with local officials and guides in the area. If ever there were reported damages, they should have informed us," Romano said in Filipino.

The P2-million road project, which was started in February this year, would reduce travel time to and from the area. *Ben Moses Ebreo, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*



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Agno folk wary over losing land forever

AGNO, Pangasinan—"Give us back our land."

This was the battlecry of holders of certificates of stewardship contracts (CSCs) in Barangay Macaboboni here after the construction of a cement plant complex hit a dead end.

The Taiwan-based Goldsun Co., proponents of the P13-billion cement plant complex, failed to comply with any of the 56 conditions of its environmental compliance certificate issued by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

The non-compliance meant automatic cancellation of the ECC, a requirement for industries with high environmental impact such as cement plants.

At least 107 CSCs covering areas where the proposed plant will be located were cancelled by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources' regional office three years ago to give way to the plant construction.

A fact-finding team formed by Gov. Victor Agbayani in 1998 found that there were "procedural lapses" in the acquisition of the CSCs from the residents.

There was connivance between the officials of the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office in Alaminos and Macaboboni barangay captain Leonardo Batalla, the team's report showed.

Earlier, the CSC holders, mostly farmers, claimed that the cancellation was fraudulent as they were hoodwinked into handing over the CSCs to Batalla.

"He told us that he was instructed by an employee of the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (Cenro) in Alaminos to get all (the) CSCs because the land area will be checked. But he did not return the CSCs and (the) next thing we knew, these were already cancelled by the regional office," the CSC holders claimed.

Batalla, in an affidavit, admitted that he got the CSCs on the instruction of the Cenro.

The CSC holders said they were called to a meeting by Batalla during which he gave them receipts covering 10 percent of the cost of the land covered by the CSCs. They were told the government was taking back the land.

Lydia Colobong, vice president of the Agno Concerned Citizens for Sustainable Development, said she checked the cancellation papers at the DENR, and found that "the supposed signatures of the CSC holders looked similar, as if only two or three persons signed."

"Funny, but there was one farmer who cannot read or write, but there was a signature opposite his name," Colobong said.

Yolanda Fuertes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

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SSS, GSIS losses traced to Estrada

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from the SSS and the GSIS after only a few days or weeks or at most, a few months, of waiting.

Lucky ones

These lucky Filipinos include Estrada himself, his cronies and friends, and friends of these cronies.

Among the lucky corporations during Estrada's time were Belle Corp. and Waterfront Philippines, according to a source in the SSS.

Belle Corp., controlled by Estrada crony Jaime Dichaves, is the developer of Tagaytay Highlands where the former President has allegedly three mansions. Waterfront belongs to "plastics king" William Gatchalian, another Estrada friend, who owns Air Philippines and the Waterfront hotels in Cebu and Davao cities.

The source said the SSS bought P1 billion worth of Waterfront shares and even lent the corporation close to P700 million.

Childhood friend

It helped Estrada and these cronies that the chair and president of the SSS in the previous administration was Carlos "Chuckie" A. Arellano, the former President's childhood friend and neighbor in San Juan, Metro Manila, and schoolmate at the Ateneo.

Arellano resigned in January after Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo assumed the presidency. He was replaced by Vitaliano Nañagas II, an investment banker with extensive management experience.

In an affidavit submitted to the Department of Justice, Willy Ocier, a cousin of Dichaves, said that Estrada made a lot of money from the sale of Belle shares. Ocier is vice chair of Belle Corp. and former president and chief operating officer of Eastern Securities Development Corp., a stock brokerage firm.

Estrada held a huge block of Belle shares—250 million—that were sold to the SSS at P3.14 per share, or P784 million for the lot, according to the source.

When these shares were given to Estrada, they cost only P2 per share, the source said.

Payment for loss

How did Estrada come to own so many shares of Belle Corp.?

Estrada received these shares from Ocier himself, according to the source. They were supposed to serve as compensation for the money that Estrada lost when the price of the stocks of yet another controversial company, BW Resources, plummeted.

Another crony, Dante Tan, has been accused of manipulating the movements of BW stocks on the stock market to benefit himself and his friends. Estrada was reportedly very angry about the vast sums that he and some of his relatives lost on their BW stocks.

The source said some members of the so-called Black Samurai Club had helped Ocier put together the Belle stocks for Estrada. The Black Samurai Club is composed of stockbrokers who control large transactions on the Philippine Stock Exchange.

Profit commission

In his affidavit, Ocier said Estrada earned P189.7 million in commission from the sale of Belle shares to the SSS.

Translated into benefits for SSS members, Estrada's alleged commission would have been enough to cover any of the following:

- Almost 80,000 pension-months (at a maximum P2,400 per month).
- Almost 8,000 salary loans (at the maximum P24,000 loanable amount).
- Almost 400 housing loans (at the maximum P500,000).
- Funeral benefits for approximately 10,000 members (at P20,000 per beneficiary).

Ocier added that the GSIS was also made to buy Belle shares worth P1.102 billion. He said he was told that Estrada had ordered Arellano and former GSIS president and general manager Federico C. Pascual to make the purchases.

Why SSS and GSIS

Why did Estrada pick the SSS and the GSIS?

In September 1999, the Asian financial crisis weakened the stock markets in the region, including that in the Philippines. No foreign buyers were interested in investing in the country.

Ocier and Dichaves agreed that only the SSS and the GSIS had enough funds to buy Belle Corp. shares. Upon being informed of this by Dichaves, Estrada promised to "take care of the matter."

Not long after, Dichaves told Ocier that Estrada had instructed Arellano and Pascual to buy Belle shares. But, as Ocier himself revealed, Dichaves specified one condition to him: the transaction would push through only if Ocier agreed to give Dichaves the commission from the sale. Dichaves would take care of passing it on to Estrada. Ocier said he had no choice but to agree.

Other beneficiaries

The source said it was not only Estrada, his cronies and friends, and people in the stock market who made money from these transactions.

The source cited someone close to Arellano who became a consultant of the SSS, a failed businessman who successfully struck deals among SSS executives, stockbrokers, and crony or crony-favored corporations.

Although he apparently made a small fortune, he seemed not to know where to put all of it. He bought not just one but two shares in the country's most expensive golf club, Manila Golf. Each share cost P15 million.

Ocier's affidavit about the sale of Belle shares to the SSS and the GSIS is now with the Office of the Ombudsman, together with the affidavits submitted also to the DOJ by Arellano, Pascual and Mark Jimenez, another Estrada crony.

The DOJ used these affidavits as bases for filing plunder charges against Estrada.

The source said officials of the SSS were forced to approve Arellano's decisions on where to invest SSS funds. To keep them from talking, the source added, Arellano raised their salaries.

Arellano raised his vice presidents' monthly salaries to P100,000 or even P150,000. (In large private corporations, a vice president can earn P70,000 a month.) His executive vice president got P300,000 a month.

"It's as though they were bought," the source said.

Actually lost

But defenders of Arellano claim that the SSS during his watch made a handsome profit. The source disputed this claim.

He said a profit could be realized only if the previous earnings of the SSS were factored into the computation.

In reality, he said, the investment income of the SSS fell from P22 billion in 1998 to P12 billion in 2000. Net income also went down to minus P3 billion, while operating expenses nearly doubled from P2.3 billion in 1998 to P4.2 billion in 2000.

The SSS has 6,000 employees.

The source added that during Arellano's time, SSS investments in equities ballooned from P15 billion to nearly P50 billion.

"The question is, why were SSS investments in equities growing while the market for these was falling?" the source asked.

Uncertain future

At a Makati forum organized by the Association of Securities Analysts of the Philippines (Asap) on April 2, Edgar B. Solilapsi, SSS senior vice president for investments, reported that the SSS had stock investments in 24 corporations.

These investments, he said, reached P46.3 billion as of the end of 2000 and represented 28.1 percent of the SSS's total investments.

Solilapsi admitted that "prospects on some of these stocks are not encouraging."

This is a gross understatement. As stated earlier, the source had estimated that the losses of the SSS arising from these bad investments—many of them in speculative stocks—could reach P6 billion.

The source said the investments were in companies that included those that knowledgeable investors would shun: Empire East Land Holdings, Megaworld Corp., Urban Bank, Pryce Corp., DMCI and Alliance Global Group.

Most of these are involved in property development, which has yet to recover from the effects of the Asian financial crisis.

Against principles

These placements run counter to basic investment principles, which Solilapsi spelled out as "safety, high yield, liquidity and social utility."

Estrada had declared more than once that he never stole from the country's coffers. But the funds of both the SSS and the GSIS are the people's money. All private sector employees and workers under the age of 60 are obliged to become SSS members and are required by law to give monthly contributions in order to be eligible for the benefits of membership.

Even domestic helpers, self-employed farmers and fishermen, and those in the so-called informal sector (such as vendors and watch-your-car boys), who earn at least P1,000 a month, are required to become SSS members.

The SSS has, therefore, become the largest pension fund in the country. It has 23 million members, or about 70 percent of the total labor force. Of the members, almost 19 million are employees, more than 600,000 are employers, and 3.7 million are self-employed.

Among the members of the SSS are 700,000 pensioners and more than a million overseas Filipino workers.

All 1.4 million employees of the government must become members of the GSIS and contribute to its fund.

Everyone's hope

SSS members are assured of benefits and assistance in case of sickness, pregnancy, injury, death, retirement and loss of income or work-related disability. The same benefits and assistance are extended to GSIS members.

Members' contributions are deducted from their pay every month and remitted to either the SSS or the GSIS. Members expect these institutions to protect their contributions and to make them grow.

They also expect the operating expenses of both institutions to be covered by the earnings of the pension funds.

The SSS deducts 8.4 percent from a member's monthly salary. A member's contribution, together with the employer's share, ranges from a low of P94 to a high of almost P1,000 per month.

GSIS members' contributions are bigger at 21 percent of their monthly salaries.

Increased benefits

Between 1999 and 2000, the SSS increased the benefits to its members. Pensions were increased 10 percent across-the-board. Funeral benefits were raised from P10,000 to P20,000, and maximum salary loans from P15,000 to P24,000.

SSS members who can no longer work because of old age (60 or 65 years) are entitled to retirement benefits.

Since 1991, SSS pension benefits have gone up six times across-the-board without a corresponding increase in members' contributions.

Because the number of pensioners is growing while that of contributors is decreasing, there is tremendous pressure on the SSS to raise contribution rates.

Protection needed

Reacting to criticisms that the SSS was disadvantaged in its investment dealings, Solilapsi gave the assurance that henceforth all its investment decisions would go through rigorous screening.

New "broker accreditation guidelines," as well as guidelines for transaction allocations, will also be introduced, according to Solilapsi.

In a document issued during the April 2 forum, Asap suggested that "accredited brokers . . . should be chosen on the basis of their competence to provide experienced, timely and in-depth market analysis rather than the ability to give preferential commission rates, payment schemes and margins."

The GSIS gave a similar assurance at the same forum. Newly appointed president and general manager Winston Garcia declared that the GSIS would reduce its investments in some sectors and focus its equity investments on issues "which have attractive up-side potentials as evidenced by solid company fundamentals, rather than by make-believe market performance through manipulative and deceptive schemes."

"All these should be investigated because the members' interest has been damaged," the source said.

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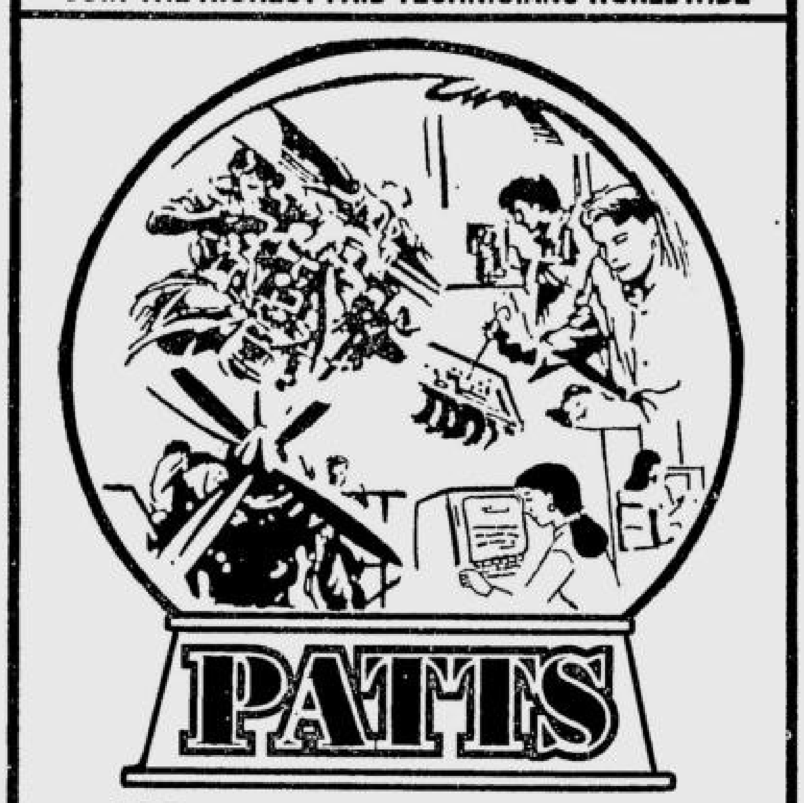

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Unregistered youth 'votes' on Internet

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did not push through that he decided to put up a website where he could "vote" for his candidates.

Sibug, 18, is one of about four million youths in the country who failed to register for the May polls.

"When I built the site, my primary thought was to educate, encourage and persuade people who to vote for. This is all I can do because I know my own votes won't count come Election Day," he told the INQUIRER.

Sibug "voted" for 12 candidates of the People Power Coalition and one independent. They are, based on his order of preference, Joker Arroyo, Solita "Winnie" Monsod, Juan Flavier, Wigberto Tañada, Serge Osmeña III, Ramon Magsaysay Jr., Franklin Drilon, Perfecto Yasay (independent), Liwayway Vinzons-Chato, Francis Pangilinan, Ralph Recto, Manuel Villar and Ernesto Herrera.

In his "God forbid" list were Senators Miriam Defensor-Santiago, Gregorio Honasan and Juan Ponce Enrile, who voted to suppress the presentation of ousted President Joseph Estrada's alleged secret bank accounts during the aborted Senate impeachment trial.

'Vital roles'

Sibug said he chose his candidates primarily for the "vital roles" they played in Estrada's ouster.

On March 21, he ran a survey of senatorial candidates. Those from the PPC topped it: Arroyo, Flavier, Monsod Drilon, Osmeña, Magsaysay, Tañada, Pangilinan, Villar, Herrera, Recto and Chato. Yasay also made it to the top 13.

"Most Net users are intelligent voters because they obviously support most of the PPC candidates," Sibug said of the survey results.

He believes that other teenagers like him who will not be able to vote next month are also determined to make their voices heard in this election.

"Many people my age are just as eager as I am to put officials in office and are just as determined as everybody who was in Edsa for the ouster of Estrada," he said.

Sibug said he wanted Estrada to pay for his alleged corruption.

"I want Erap prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Nobody's above the law. But he should be given due process," he said.

Comelec blamed

He blamed the Commission on Elections for its half-hearted effort to promote voters' registration last year. He said he only learned about the list-up a week before the deadline last December and he was busy at school then.

"I failed to register because I didn't know where to go, what to bring and basically what to do," he said.

Sibug has volunteered to work for Monsod's campaign. And typical of his generation, he uses e-mail and text messaging in cellular telephones to reach out to his friends and acquaintances to campaign for her.

He joined Monsod's team "because she's always left behind in the surveys and I know she's really in need of volunteers."

"I am doing this because my future's at stake. My being a volunteer does not take too much of my time. I am enjoying this as much as I enjoy going out with my family and friends . . . I am not deprived of the fun and leisure of summer," he said.

"We may not be allowed to vote but this does not mean that we have lost our right to voice out what we want and feel. Surely we will be campaigning for those who we believe deserve to hold key positions in government."

Sibug, however, maintains that he is still realistic, as he realizes that pro-Estrada candidates may still win.

"But who knows? God works in wondrous ways," he said.

Sibug's website has so far received 2,000 visits. His address http://members.theglobe.com wingert/senatoriables.html.

10-3 is more realistic outcome of Senate race

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Let's deal with the concept of guest or independent candidate as distorted by current political alignments at some point in this article.

In 1957, Magsaysay stood political precedent on its head. Traditionally, mid-term elections have been a referendum for a sitting administration. Most administrations had lost seats in the Senate until Magsaysay broke the pattern. His immense popularity had yet to see its peak.

In fact, before he died in a plane crash in 1957, there had been moves to form a People's Party outside of the LP and the NP, and one of the prime movers of this embryonic formation was Rep. Diosdado Macapagal, already a promising leader and father of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

We were indeed moving toward a monolithic populist party that would undercut the elite-based parties. If Magsaysay had not died, we could have had a much earlier and certainly a more intelligent experience in populism than under Estrada.

The 2001 Senate elections do not fit into the mold of previous mid-term elections. The polls are both a referendum for the Macapagal administration and a repudiation of the Estrada administration.

The polls are being held when the Macapagal administration is just more than two months old and is enjoying a honeymoon period. It basks under the light of legitimacy provided by the recognition of the Macapagal administration by the Supreme Court, the legislature, the Armed Forces and national police and the diplomatic corps. It also enjoys the confidence of the business community, although this should not be considered a magic formula for the speedy recovery of the economy.

To be sure, Ms Macapagal has committed some errors and made controversial decisions, but these are not fatal errors. Compared with the chaotic and corrupt administration of Estrada, Ms Macapagal's governance is like light after the darkness. Thus, the issue that the opposition could raise against the administration is something connected to Estrada, i.e., the prosecution of Estrada for plunder and corruption and the alleged denial of due process for him.

In terms of performance so far, the administration cannot be faulted with any major lapse. The PPC has little to defend or be embarrassed about. The members of the opposition ticket are either defending the sordid record of the Estrada regime, of which they were a part, or are trying very hard to dissociate themselves from the Estrada record by identifying themselves as "independents."

Poll issues

If you read carefully the lineup of senatorial candidates and their stand on issues presented in the INQUIRER's election section (Page A10) last Sunday, you will see that the candidates' positions do not constitute any party (coalition) platform. Each candidate is a party unto himself/herself. Their positions are not aggregated according to party policies.

Because there is no homogeneity, it is hard for the voters to sort out issue identification with regard to the parties or coalitions. The fact that even the candidates of the Puwersa ng Masa have diverse positions help them somewhat in their effort to stay out of the Estrada stigma.

The PPC is, of course, pressing the Estrada legacy as a defining issue. This is easier to understand. On the other hand, the opposition wants to get out of this shadow. That is why the opposition candidates are asking the voters to judge them on their individual qualities and credentials to contribute to intelligent and sound legislation, not as entertainers.

In the process, the terms "guest" or "independent" candidate, words with respectable origins, have been degraded. For example, a former news reader, Noli de Castro, who is said to rank high in popularity rating, presents himself as either an "independent" or "guest" candidate although he is also identified with the Puwersa ng Masa.

Estrada bias

His guest candidacy could make Recto squirm. It is driven by opportunism which his vehicle, ABS-CBN (not a political party at all), cannot conceal. When Estrada was still popular, he showed his bias for Estrada in his news programs and he dickered for a slot in the administration (Estrada) ticket. After the fall of Estrada, he dumped the ex-President and sought a place in the Macapagal ticket. The PPC saw through his opportunism and denied him a slot. Besides, it was incongruous to get him a slot since his identification with people power is next to nothing.

If people want to be senators or even President on the basis of what they claim to be their high popularity ratings, there's nothing on earth that can stop them from running for the Senate. But for the sake of preserving the good name of "independent" or "guest" candidates, appropriating these titles does not help enhance the quality of senatorial selection. Guest candidates do not have a right to be a member of a coalition ticket from which they distance themselves.

Malaysia alerted on Abu flight

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since his release.

All Schilling wants after his traumatic eight-month captivity in the hands of the Abu Sayyaf is a quiet life and many children, Osani told the Associated Press in a phone interview from Zamboanga.

She said her 25-year-old husband had told her in the past that he wanted as many as 26 children, and had prepared two sets of 13 names each for boys and girls.

"He told me he wanted a simple life for us in America," said Osani, Schilling's wife for little over a year.

She said that her husband was preparing her travel papers so she could join him in the United States.

In at least three telephone conversations she has had with Schilling since he was freed, they only talked about his ordeal once, when she asked if it was true that he had tried to commit suicide as his captors claimed.

"Why will I commit suicide? I needed to be strong because I know there's somebody to return to," Osani quoted Schilling as saying.

The hostage, a convert to Islam, said he passed the time in captivity by writing letters to her and other loved ones but there was nobody to deliver the messages, according to Osani, who is also a Muslim.

She said she was not interested in having Schilling's ordeal turned into a film.

"I won't allow anybody to touch my wounds again," Osani said.

Schilling, from Oakland, California, was due to leave Manila for San Francisco via Guam at 11:20 last night.

His name was on the passenger manifest of Continental Airlines Flight 912. He was supposed to leave yesterday morning on a Northwest Airlines flight but was a no-show.

Sources said a US marshal would accompany the freed hostage back to the United States.

Osani is a cousin of Abu Sayyaf spokesperson Abu Ahmad Salayuddin, alias Abu Sabaya, and husband and wife were visiting an Abu Sayyaf camp in Jolo when the kidnappers decided to hold the American captive on Aug. 31. Osani was allowed to go.

'Right track'

In a radio interview from Ifugao where she spent Easter Sunday, President Macapagal said the release of Schilling showed that "we are on the right track in our all-out-war policy."

On Thursday, troops of Task Force Comet raided a hideout of the Abu Sayyaf on Jolo Island and extricated the hostage.

"Let this be a warning to all those who want to challenge government authority and our Constitution," Ms Macapagal said in Filipino.

At the same time, she offered peace to rebels who have taken to the mountains "for reasons of politics or hardship" and said: "I hope they will join us in talking peace."

"But those who are only using politics to engage in criminality, such as kidnap for ransom, drug dealing—they should be careful . . . Their only peace is the peace of the graveyard," she said.

The President was interviewed on a weekly radio program hosted by her husband, Mike Arroyo, on radio station dzRH.

Malaysians on lookout

She made the remarks as National Security Adviser Roilo Golez said that the Abu Sayyaf might try to flee to nearby Malaysia in the face of the intense military operations in Sulu.

"Malaysia is the nearest escape destination but the Malaysians are watching out for them," he said in a phone interview.

"We'll pursue them up to the ends of the earth," he said of the kidnappers.

"They are now scattered. They are identified. They can go into hiding but we'll go after them just the same," he added.

Golez noted that the two countries had existing joint border patrols to deter any escape plans by the bandits. More than half a million Filipinos live in the Malaysian state of Sabah. Many are illegal immigrants from Mindanao.

The President said she was standing firm on her position of no negotiations with armed groups, like the Abu Sayyaf, which challenged her government's authority.

"If they want to stay alive, they should surrender. Otherwise, they will be pulverized," she said, paraphrasing an earlier statement.

"The President's instructions are that operations will continue until (all Abu Sayyaf members) surrender," Golez said.

There are an estimated 1,000 Abu Sayyaf members still in Sulu and Basilan.

The group earned the ire of the Malaysian government after one of its many factions seized 21 mostly foreign hostages from the island resort of Sipadan last year.

All the Sipadan hostages have been freed, except for Filipino diving instructor Roland Ullah.

Debriefing

US Embassy spokesman Michael Anderson had said Schilling would be flown home to the US after a debriefing in Manila by US and Philippine authorities.

Golez said officials handling the questioning were determined to find out whether the Muslim convert was an ally or a real hostage of the Abu Sayyaf.

"We are working with US government officials to find out the true nature of Jeffrey Schilling," he said, adding that they may know this in "a few days."

But he admitted that the debriefing was largely in the hands of US Embassy officials who have custody over the American.

Civilians in Jolo had reported seeing Schilling patrolling with his abductors and carrying a rifle.

Schilling said the rebels told him to carry weapons to show that the foreigner they had traveling with them was an Arab or a Palestinian, not an American hostage.

Gen. Diomedio Villanueva, Armed Forces chief of staff, said on Friday that officials were convinced that Schilling was an unwilling hostage.

Intelligence report

Military intelligence agents are verifying reports that Abu Sayyaf chief Khaddafy Janjalani and Abu Sabaya managed to slip out of Sulu and return to Basilan, their original lair, a source told the INQUIRER.

"But it will not take longer before we finally catch up with them," he said.

The military also expects to collar Abu Sayyaf commander Galib Andang, alias Robot, and other leaders holed up in Sulu with the cooperation of residents in the province, he said.

"Their followers have been greatly diminished," the source said. "It's a matter of time before they fall into government hands."

Acting Sulu Gov. Hadji Munib Estino said the military should be very selective and cautious in the conduct of its operations, following reports that several government allies were arrested on suspicion of being Abu Sayyaf protectors and sympathizers.

"This is a violation of the rights of the people," Estino told the INQUIRER on Saturday.

He said one of his barangay officials was arrested for carrying a licensed firearm.

Complaint

"If they want to get the full support of the people in their fight against the Abu Sayyaf, they should not harass our people. My people are very supportive of the operations," he said.

During President Macapagal's visit to Sulu Tuesday, Gov. Abdusakur Tan submitted a written complaint signed by about 1,000 residents protesting what they claimed to be the military's indiscriminate treatment of civilians suspected to be Abu Sayyaf members, sympathizers and protectors.

Last week, Abu Sabaya told RMN-dxRZ Radyo Agong that the military did not capture their members. He said the people who were arrested were "all civilians with their own licensed firearms."

But Gen. Diomedio Villanueva, AFP chief of staff, dismissed Sabaya's claim as propaganda.

Estino said that Sulu residents were tired of seeing their province transformed into a battlefield.

"We want to terminate the Abu Sayyaf by all means. We want them crushed, we want them neutralized but we also want the military to consider the lives of the innocent civilians, direct their operations toward the Sayyaf lairs and not harass civilians in nearby municipalities," he said.

With reports from AP, AFP, Reuters

NDF leader . . .

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about by the excitement of his homecoming, his wife Ruth de Leon said.

"He's now stable. He's had a very minor stroke. He's coherent although his blood pressure is slightly high. Maybe it was brought on by the excitement (of his homecoming). He might be transferred out of the ICU (today)," De Leon said in a telephone interview.

Another source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Zumel had expressed hope that he would be able to attend a gathering of peace advocates this week.

"Apparently, it was a mild stroke. He (Zumel) can still recognize people and speak. He hopes that he can recover in time for the solidarity peace conference this Wednesday," the source said.

Zumel arrived in the country on April 8 after a long exile in the Netherlands. He is set to attend the April 18 solidarity conference hosted by the National Council of Churches in the Philippines and the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines.

From the airport, he was taken to the hospital after he complained that he was not feeling well.

Zumel, 68, is considered one of the oldest in the leftist revolutionary movement and is said to be a member of the NDF national executive committee.

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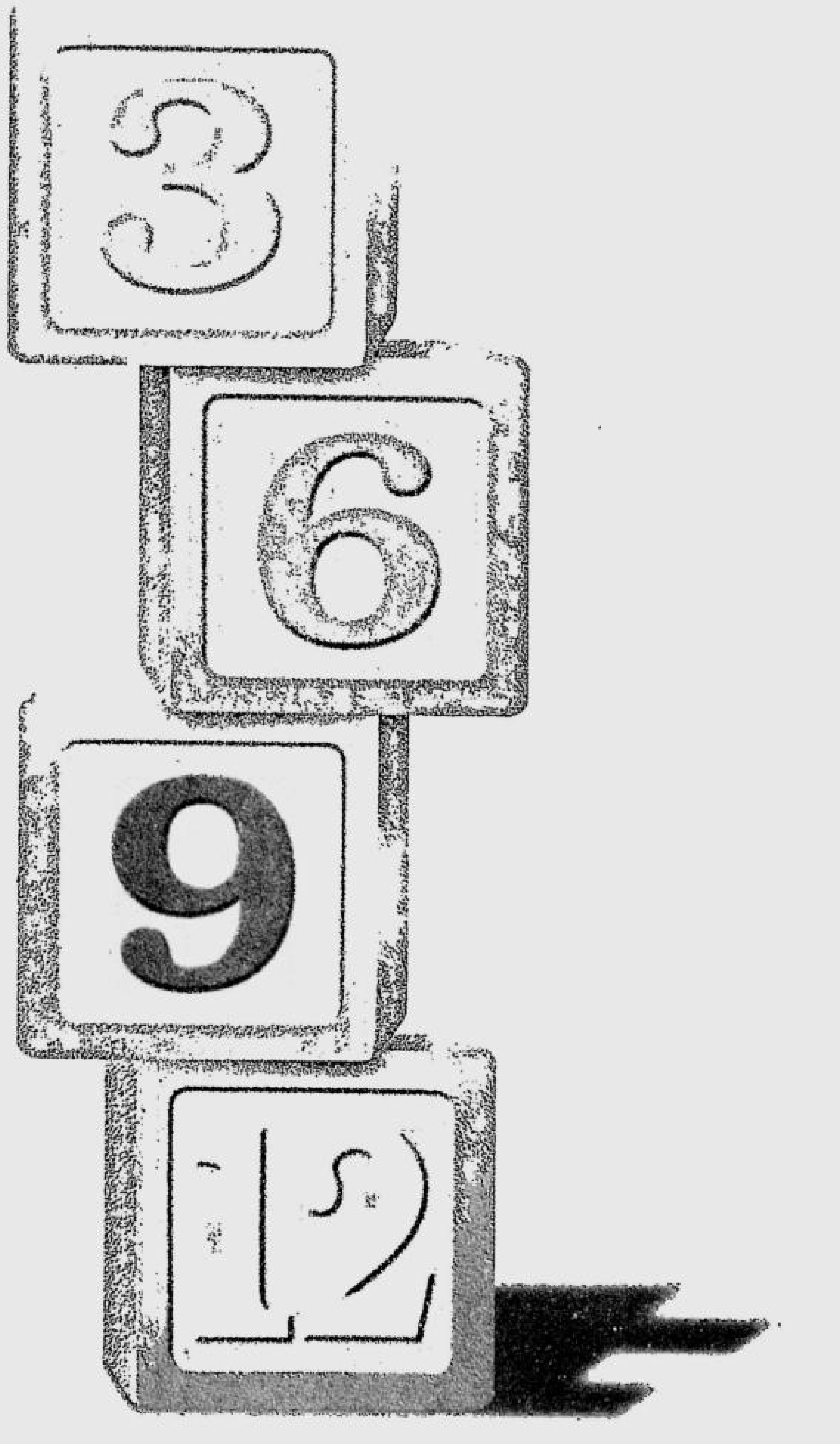

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Lerio wins Friday the 13th bout

LA LISA, Cuba—Arlan Lerio delivered anew for Team Caltex Philippines by beating Cuban bantamweight Eduardo aces, 3-2, in their Friday the 13th encounter in the 7th Roberto Balado Cup at the La Vereda Plaza here. It was the second victory in two days against a Cuban figmer for the 24-year-old Lerio, counting his 4-2 victory over Frank Delgado in Thursday's opener.

SPORTS

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Mauresmo upends Sanchez-Vicario

AMELIA ISLAND, Florida—Amelie Mauresmo of France won her 13th straight match Saturday, stopping an equally hot Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario of Spain, 6-3, 6-2, in the semifinals of the Bausch & Lomb Championships. Mauresmo advanced to play fourth-seeded Amanda Coetzer of South Africa, a 4-6, 7-5, 6-4 winner over unseeded Russian Nadia Petrova in a match that took nearly three hours. *AP*

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MOBILINE salvaged a sudden-death for a spot in the semifinals last night, beating an unusually lethargic Shell Velocity, 76-72, in the PBA All Filipino Cup at the Makati Coliseum.

The win allowed the Phone Pals to erase the Turbochargers' twice-to-beat advantage and line them up for an upset against the top-ranked team on Friday.

"At least we're still alive," said Mobiline coach Louie Alas after the victory. "But it means nothing unless we beat them on Friday."

If Mobiline plays the same way it did last night, there would be little problem.

Led by Jerry Codiñera, the Phone Pals turned back persistent comeback attempts by the Turbochargers who trailed by as many as 17 points in the third quarter.

"Jerry wants to redeem himself and went out of his way to lead our team tonight," said Alas, recalling the endgame blunder the slotman did during their game against San Miguel Beer recently.

In that game, Codiñera made a useless foul on Olsen Racela, whose split free throws ultimately caused the Beermen's victory over Phone Pals in the elimination.

Last night was a different story though as Codiñera scored 17 points on a 9-of-22 shooting to inspire the Phone Pals.

The surprising thing was that Shell came out with a complete, healthy lineup with Benjie Paras and Dale Singson back in action.

Vergel Meneses hit a layup with eight seconds left as Barangay Ginebra nipped Purefoods, 77-76, in the last game to also set a playoff for the semis.

The Hotdogs, who had the twice-to-beat edge, had a chance to turn things around but Andy Seigle bungled a jumper with four seconds to go.

Scores:
First game:

MOBILINE 76—Codiñera 18, Camaso 14, Pablo 13, Demape 12, Fran 9, Ejercito 5, Cui 5, Ravena 0, Babilonia 0, Gonzales 0, Angeles 0.

SHELL 72—Singson13, Wainwright 12, Paras 12, Hrabak 11, Jacskon 10, Esplana 10, Marzan 2, Telan 2.

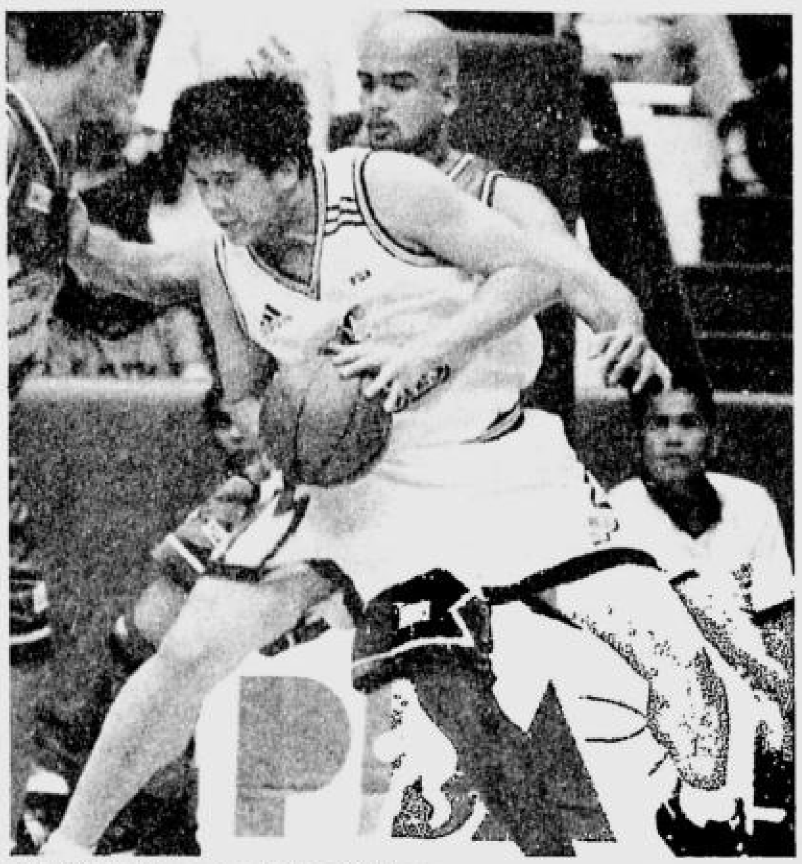
Quarter: 18-14, 43-36, 60-48, 76-72.

Second game:

GINEBRA 77—Meneses 13, Limpot 13, David 12, Helterbrand 11, Magtulis 7, Lago 6, Crisano 6, Caguioa 5, Calpito 4, Ong 0.

PUREFOODS 76—Castillo 25, Seigle 17, Patrimonio 13, Fernandez 8, Evangelista 5, Feihl 5, Magsanoc 2, Yee 1, Yap 0.

Quarters: 25-15; 40-36; 59-59; 77-76.



CODIÑERA tries to shake off Paras. VAL HANDUMON

Baguio netters sparkle

BAGUIO—Club entry Andrew Tangalin downed Paul Papa of San Fernando, La Union 6-3, 6-0, and teammate Jun Cortez tripped Jeric Biasura of San Fabian, Pangasinan, 7-6, 6-2, to top their respective divisions at the close of the 2001 Milo Junior Tennis Cup and Regional Workshop Wednesday here at the Burnham Park claycourts.

Tangalin pocketed the boys' 12-under division, while Cortez won the boys' 16-under bracket and shared the limelight with Manila's Gerard Ngo, Ronel Tan of Agoo, Carlo Manalastas of Angeles City, Erika Roc of Agoo, Angel Ngo and Nikki Antolin in the girls' 12-under level.

Gerard turned back Patrick Arevalo 6-3, 6-4 in the unisex 10-under class; Tan avenged his Valero Cup tormentor Darwin Rivera, 6-0, 6-1 in the boys' 14-under division; Manalastas defeated Dino Ferrari 7-5, 6-3 in the boys' 18-under group; Roc waylaid Sharlyn Nolasco 6-2, 6-2 in the girls 14-unde class.

Angel defeated Merlen Andres 6-2, 6-3 to win the girls' 16-under title, then came back to oust Maureen de Castro, 6-2, 6-1 in the girls' 18-under division in the Milo netfest organized by the CTW and supported by Adidas.

Coulthard gets pole

IMOLA, Italy—David Coulthard ended Michael Schumacher's record hopes twice in two weeks.

Schumacher, the Ferrari world champion, also was unable to warm up the partisan fans, who had been shivering in unusually low temperatures to watch as the idolized home team failed to have a red-painted car on the front row for the first time since August last year.

In Saturday's qualifying for the San Marino Grand Prix, the British driver of McLaren-Mercedes clinched the pole position, preventing the Ferrari rival from equaling Ayrton Senna's record of eight consecutive poles over two seasons. *AP*

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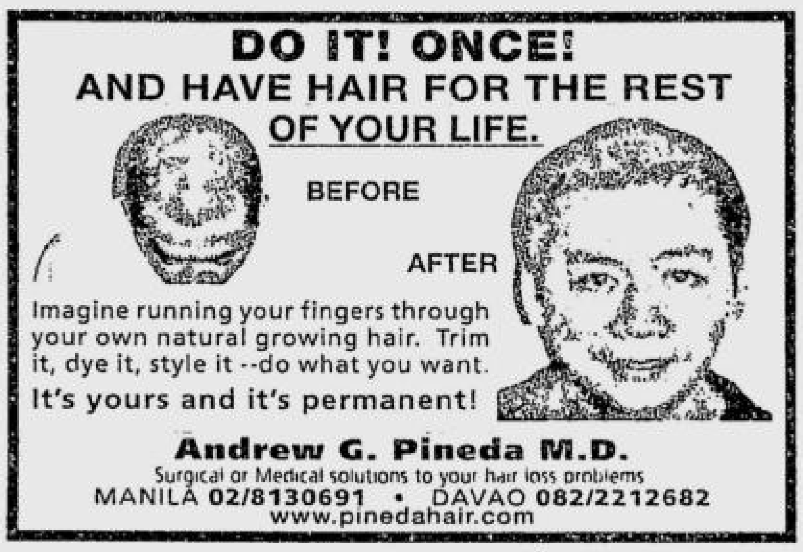

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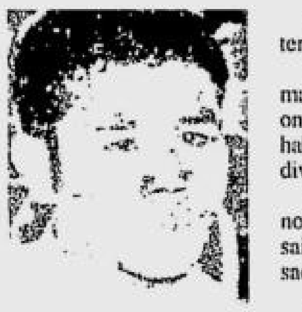
Tabanas kayoed

NEW YORK—Nelson Dieppa of Puerto Rico stopped Andy Tabanas of the Philippines in the 11th round Saturday night to win the vacant WBO junior flyweight title. Dieppa caught Tabanas with a right hook to the chin, ending the fight suddenly. Meanwhile, Bernard Hopkins advanced to the finals of the world middleweight unification series, beating Keith Holmes here by unanimous decision. *AP*

'Bad Boy' Navarrete fighting for survival

By June Navarro



NAVARRETE

WHERE ARE THEY NOW

IMAGES of vivid pictures flashed in front of Rolando Navarrete as he recalled his glory days in professional boxing

One of those pictures, which Navarrete recollected in full detail, was his fifth round stoppage of Cornelius "Boza" Edwards in Italy one momentous night in August 1981.

Another photograph, he pictured in his mind, was the first defense of his WBC superfeatherweight title against Korean Choi Chung Il, whom he knocked out in the 11th round at the Rizal baseball park in 1982.

"Those were the days when I was still strong as an ox," recalled the 44-year-old Navarrete moments after being feted during the First Gabriel "Flash" Elorde Boxing Awards Night recently.

Oh yes, those were the days.

A thousand heartaches later, the Bad Boy from Dadiangas is now a picture of frustration, far from his old menacing self.

Cross-eyed, feeble and quite incomprehensible, Navarrete's looks betrayed his once threatening billing. Still, he remains a fighter, but a fighter he is without a pair of boxing mittens.

"With no immediate family to turn to, I have to fight for survival," said Navarrete, who has two sons aged 7 and 6.

Navarrete had a wife but left him after he failed to sustain their needs.

Day to day existence became a nightmare for Navarrete. Jobless, he had to rely on the produce of his family's one-and-a-half hectare land, which was unfortunately divided among his seven siblings.

"I don't know how to plant so I have no choice but to wait and get my share," said Navarrete, who is guaranteed three sacks of rice every three months.

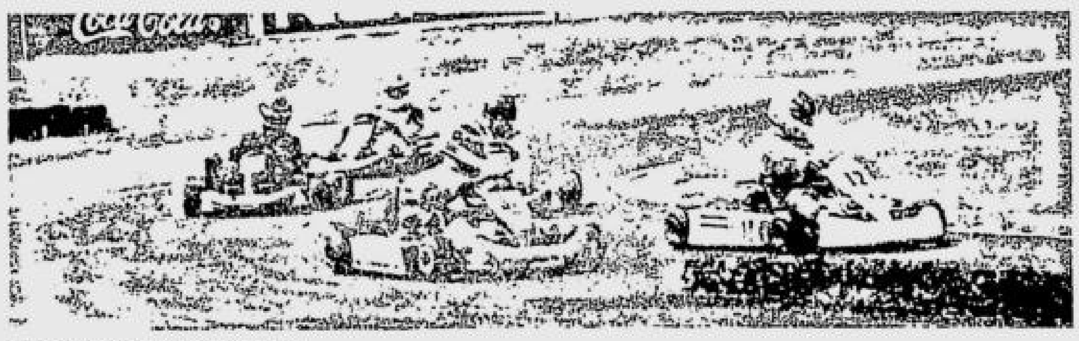
As a proud son of General Santos City, Navarrete is entitled from the local government of Dadiangas a monthly pension of P4,900, a subsidy which he claimed frozen recently by the city mayor.

Woe first came unto him when he was outpointed by Rafael "Bazooka" Limon in the 13th round of their clash at the Aladdin Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada in May 1982.

Two years later, he was convicted of raping a Korean bar hostess that caused his career to be frozen for years (1984-88) while languishing in a Hawaiian prison.

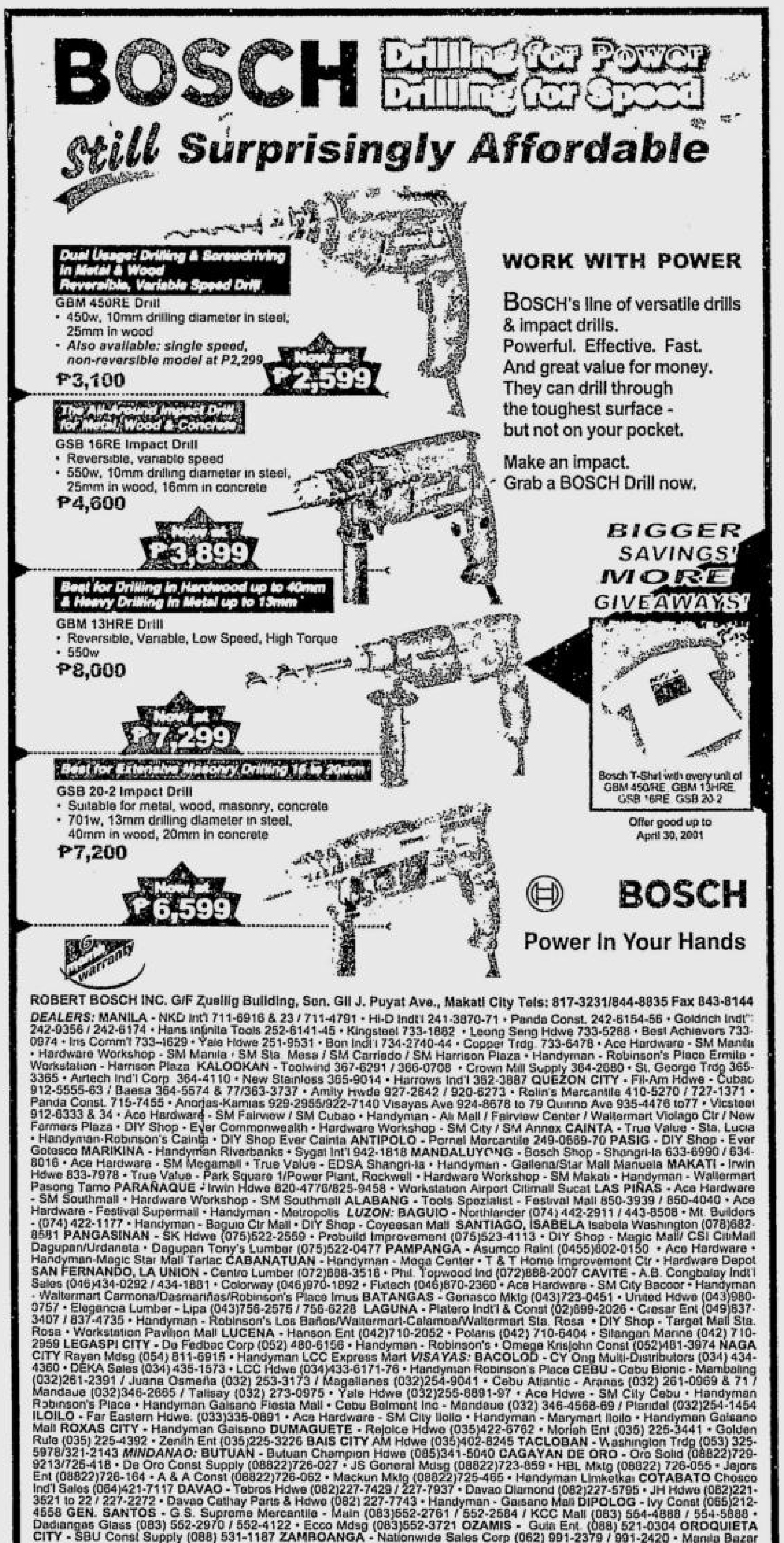
His comeback trail in 1988 was quite successful but was curtailed by half-American William Magahin, who floored him in the 6th round of their duel, prompting Lando to retire in 1991.

Whatever, Navarrete has to go on as he embarks on a different and more unpredictable travail—the battle for life and survival.



CARMONA RACING

Mike Francisco (37), Mike Sy (12) and Lee Bumgarner (133) battle it out for top honors in the Demvel's Formula 125 race in the third leg of the Shell Super Karting Championships at the Carmona Racing Circuit in Cavite recently. Francisco defeated Sy and Bumgarner in this event sponsored by Coca-Cola, Bridgestone, Nokia, Match Box/Hot Wheels and Eastway Racing.



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As part of a developmental team being supported by College Assurance Plan, the opportunity to reach their maximum potential as amateurs will always be there.

Already acquainted with CAP's crusade on investing on the future especially on health and education, players like Que are not wasting any chance to reach their amateur prime especially now that the Philippine professional tour has been revived.

They are, in essence, being reared toward that professional direction.

But their inevitable march to the pro ranks should not pose a problem. CAP is now in the midst of establishing a program that will ensure a steady turnover of top golfers using its vast resources, especially its special tieup with the Manila Southwoods Golf and Country Club the training facilities of which are still one of the best in the country.

The major events are coming up and the CAP-supported talents from Manila Southwoods are getting all set for the big push.

The summer grind continues for Que when he defends the national amateur match play crown at Alabang with bosom buddy Delariate eyeing a rematch after his blowout loss last year.

The CAP-Southwoods team will also be chasing the low amateur honor of next month's Philippine Open, not to mention the national team berths to the Southeast Asian Games this year in Malaysia and also the annual Putra Cup.

For the people behind the CAP-Southwoods team, there is always that extra effort to work on a winning formula that others would find of good use someday. Clubs will always be enticed to ask corporations to take their cause.

MEMBERS of the team in a pep talk with Manila Southwoods chair Bob Sobrepeña—also the man behind the new pro circuit—and CAP golf sports coordinator Shean Bedi during a break in training.

Jungolf circuit resumes at Southwoods today

THE ANNUAL summer circuit of the Junior Golf Foundation of the Philippines resumes today with the Southwoods Open at the Legends course of the Manila Southwoods Golf and Country Club.

Registration precedes the 7 a.m. tee-off.

Competitions in all age levels - Class A for 15-17 years, Class B for 13-14, Class C for 11-12, Class D for 10-9 and Class E for 8 and under will be held, according to Jungolf president Merwin Mediana.

Results of the fourth leg of the series sponsored by Northwest Airlines will again count in the eliminations for the country's team to the Junior World in San Diego, California and the Optimist International in Florida.

Northwest will be flying the RP bets to the two major jungolf events this July.

Expected to lead the entries are former national amateur champ Artemio Murakami, the multi-titled Jayvee Agojo and Korean resident Kim Chang Hoi who has been undefeated in Class B.

The tourney will also serve as the final warm-up for the Jungolf team to the 23rd Asia-Pacific junior championships set May 1-4 in Kuching, Malaysia.

Mediana, meanwhile, announced that those not going to Malaysia can play in the Philippine Jungolf Classic at Canlubang on May 2-4.

Aside from Canlubang, the remaining legs of the circuit are Sherwoods on May 7-9, Wack Wack on May 14-16, Riviera on May 21-23 and Tat Filipinas on May 28-30.

Frankie, Dorothy in Top 10

FRANKIE Miñoza and Dorothy Joy Delasin both posted Top 10 finishes yesterday in major tournaments in the Japanese Tour and LPGA, respectively.

Miñoza wound up sharing ninth after a round of 72-282 in the Tsuruya Open won by Hidemichi Tanaka at the Sports Shinko Country Club Yamanohara course in Kawanishi, Japan. He is expected to move to second from third in the money list.

Delasin tied for 10th with a closing 70 in the Office Depot leg in Los Angeles.

Sweden's Annika Sorenstam rallied from an LPGA-record 10 strokes down then nipped Mi Hyun Kim in a sudden-death playoff for her fourth straight victory.

Meanwhile, Vijay Singh again left himself in position for a victory, shooting a 4-under 67 for a two-stroke lead over Billy Mayfair and Jose Coceres at the WorldCom Classic. *Jong Arcano*

Mandaluyong derby slated

MANDALUYONG Coliseum comes alive anew this coming Tuesday and Thursday (April 17 and 19) via the 10th Ucap/San Pedro GP Eagle 6-Cock Derby. Sponsors are Sagupaan Super Feeds and Lakpue Drug Inc.

Pampanga's pride Jet Fernando, winner of the Ucap Cocker of the Year 2000, is hosting the event along with topnotch handlers Ramon Mencenares and Ting Ariosa.

Submission of weights is today, Monday, April 16 from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Four entries emerged as co-champions in the 9th Ucap/Sagupaan Winning Line-Starwars Sagupaan 6-Cock Derby. These are EGT Stingers (Esting Teopaco), LCC GP (Louie Cua and Eric dela Rosa), Guts and Glory (Wakee Salud) and BL BC Showdown (Boy de Roca, Danny Ty and Ben Chan).

Two more Ucap-supported cockfests are lined up at Mandaluyong Coliseum before the Cocker of the Year 2001 winner is finally known. These are slated on May 8 and 10 (11th Ucap/Phoenix TR-EGT Singers 6-Cock Derby) and May 22-24 (Sagupaan PB San Pablo/Guts and Glory 6-Cock Derby).

'Sagupaan' set

FAST-PACED and exciting fights resume at the Pasay City Cockpit this coming Friday, April 20, via the Sagupaan Super Feeds 5-cock Derby.

A cash prize of P300,000 is up for grabs in this event hosted by popular 'sabong' idol Patrick Antonio. Entry fee is P15,000.

Antonio has invited some 30 big-time cockers and breeders, some of them from the United Cockers Association of the Philippines (Ucap) of which he is the current chair.

Submission of weights is on derby day, from 7 p.m. to 2 p.m. Interested parties may contact 843-1890, 843-1746 and 816-6750.

Meanwhile, put managers Oscar Gonzales, Eric dela Rosa and Butchoy Olano announced that regular hackfights are also held at PCC every Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday where an average of 60 fights are staged per day.

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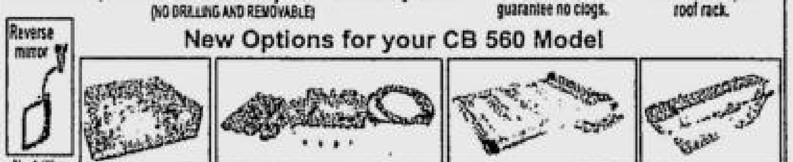

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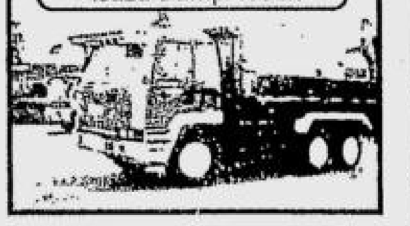

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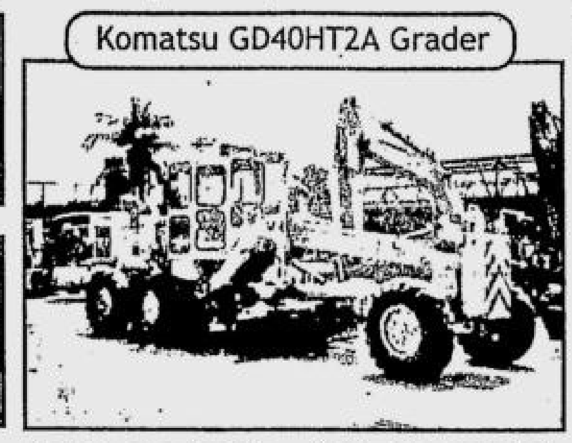

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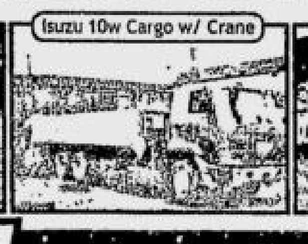

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METRO
LOUIE C. CAMINO, Editor

1 killed, 10 injured in collision on Edsa

BY PHILIP C. TUBEZA

DAWN of Easter Sunday turned bloody in Quezon City after a bus rammed into a passenger jeepney at the corner of Edsa and Quezon Avenue, leaving a man dead and 10 other people injured.

Dead after a King of Kings Trans bus (PYL-403) collided with a passenger jeepney (PWN-990) was an unidentified man, according to investigator PO2 Fernando Baligay of the Central Police District's Traffic Sector IV.

The man was described to be between 30 and 35 years old, of medium build, about 5-foot-6 tall and wearing sandals, a white T-shirt and denim pants.

Injured were jeepney driver Cenon C. Ramirez, 27; passengers Richard B. Agbuya, 17; Beverly R. Ganeb, 19; Joshua R. Lunasin, 20; Clarissa Q. Pingco, 20; Joey Malabon, 23; Rowena Malabon, 36; Toto S. Parpan, of Barangay Commonwealth, Quezon City; Leopoldo Prado, of San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan, and Annabel Banesa, of Aguinaldo Street, Quezon City, police said.

The bus driver, who has not been identified, escaped after the collision, said Baligay.

Ramirez told police that he was driving along Quezon Avenue and was going toward the Quezon Memorial Circle when the accident happened at about 4:45 a.m. yesterday.

The bus driver quickly got off and escaped while the injured were brought to the East Avenue Medical Center.

She had 54 hours to get acquainted with her parents' native country

BY ROCKY NAZARENO

STEADY lies the Miss America 2001 crown on the head of Angela Perez Baraquio during her Malacañang visit. JOAN BONDOC

WITHOUT the fanfare that usually accompanies the arrival of a beauty queen, Angela Perez Baraquio, the first full-bloodied Filipino to be crowned Miss America, flew into her parents' native country on Tuesday night and had only 54 hours to get to know it.

"That was because we really had these three days in Angela's tight schedule to make this quick trip to the Philippines to visit our relatives," said Angela's sister and personal chaperone Therese during the farewell dinner for the reigning Miss America also on Thursday night.

With 51 states to visit, Baraquio's schedule would practically have her flying or motoring to one state a

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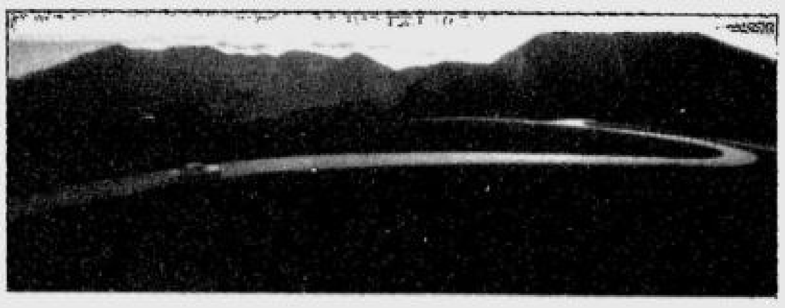

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Starlet accused of theft

BY AGNES E. DONATO

A MOVIE starlet was accused of theft for allegedly taking a BMW car and P250,000 worth of jewelry in Marikina City.

The charges were filed against Catherine Suyo, also known as Ilonah Marquez, 20, of Barangay San Isidro, Cainta, Rizal. Suyo is said to be a contract star of ATB Productions.'

Also charged was her boyfriend who was identified only as Andy, 20.

The complaints were filed by businessman Caloy de Guzman, 35, of Marikina Heights, Marikina City. De Guzman is said to be Andy's adoptive parent.

Investigators said Suyo allegedly took the jewelry, along with some imported clothes, in July 2000. But De Guzman decided not to file charges against her.

But on April 13, Good Friday, Andy allegedly took De Guzman's white BMW (MRG 101).

De Guzman told police that he has not heard from Andy since then. Andy was reportedly last seen with Suyo, police said.

Judge Olga Palanca-Enriquez of the Marikina Regional Trial Court Branch 273 issued warrants for the arrest of the two accused, who are still at large.

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Monday, April 16, 2001
Octave of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-32
Gospel: Mt 28:8-15

The women left the tomb at once in holy fear, yet with great joy, and they ran to tell the news to the disciples.

Suddenly, Jesus met them on the way and said, "Peace." The women approached him, embraced his feet and worshiped him. But Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to set out for Galilee; there they will see me."

While the women were on their way, the guards returned to the city and some of them reported to the chief priests all that had happened. The chief priests met with the Jewish authorities and decided to give the soldiers a good sum of money, with this instruction, "Say that his disciples came by night while you were asleep, and stole the body of Jesus. If Pilate comes to know of this, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." The soldiers accepted the money and did as they were told. This story has circulated among the Jews until this day.

Commentary

Not only Mary Magdalene was the one who discovered the empty tomb but there was also another Mary. All the Gospel narratives are in agreement about the first witnesses of the Risen Jesus. It was to the women that Jesus first appeared enjoining them to return whence it all began–in Galilee. The apostles had fallen away and needed to be re-instated to discipleship. It was the women who had followed Jesus unto the end. The good news today summons the patriarchal church to return to the Gospel in its candidness and purity in the midst of worldly ways and manipulative wielding of power.

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SUPREME COURT DOCTRINES

LABOR LAW (LABOR RELATIONS LAW)—Termination dispute— The case is primarily a labor dispute. It is clear from the claim/assistance request form submitted by petitioner that he was challenging the legality of his dismissal for lack of cause and lack of due process. The issue of whether there was proper interpretation and implementation of the CBA provisions comes into play only because the grievance procedure provided for in the CBA was not observed after he sought his Union's assistance in contesting is termination. Thus, the question to be resolved necessarily springs from the primary issue of whether there was a valid termination; without this, then there would be no reason to invoke the need to interpret and implement the CBA provisions properly. [Citations omitted.] [Justice Bellosillo, Second Division, Vivero v. Court of Appeals, G.R. No. 138938, October 24, 2000]

DIGEST BY R.B. VERA

Officer charged for threatening his superior

A WESTERN Police District (WPD) officer is facing criminal charges before the Manila prosecutor's office after he was accused of threatening his superior with a gun on Saturday.

The WPD General Assignments Section yesterday filed direct assault charges against PO3 Victoriano Reyes Jr., 40, who is detailed to the Station 8 Police Community Precinct in Plaza Avelino, Sta. Mesa, and a resident of Felix Huertas Street, Sta. Cruz, Manila.

The prosecutor's office recommended a P12,000 bail for his temporary release.

Reyes allegedly poked a gun at Insp. Elpidio Lavilla, 53, commanding officer of the Plaza Avelino PCP and resident of Bagong Silang, Caloocan, at the height of their argument in the PCP office on April 14.

Reyes, who was in civilian clothes, had just arrived at the police office at about 1 p.m. Saturday when Lavilla confronted him regarding a missing hand-held radio, said case investigator SPO1 Mario Salonga.

Investigation showed that Lavilla told Reyes the radio got lost under Reyes' custody. Reyes drew his service firearm, pointed it at his superior, and challenged him to a fight, Lavilla said in his sworn statement.

SPO1 Lino Moreno and PO3 Ricarte Gaces managed to pacify Reyes and brought him to the WPD headquarters on UN Avenue where he is now detained.

Christian V. Esguerra

Pointers on saving the Pinoy

BARE EYE

Recah Trinidad

(KILAYKO TREAT: If you are around Bacolod, you would be a loser if you miss Leonor Kilayko's piano concert at the Carmelite church tonight. Ms Kilayko, an internationally acclaimed artist, is one of our national wonders. Her music is the kind that resurrects.)

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WE have to again start believing what our grade school teachers used to say about frustration. That it is the father of great inventions.

Thomas Edison definitely got mad at the limp, petty oil lamp, which led him to dig deep and come up with the light bulb.

Well, here at home, there have been despondent cries against all assorted mess in Filipino life, mainly out in our city streets. How traffic rules, basic order and decency, to name only three, continue to be violated right under the noses of contented cops.

Everybody who treasures his life should eventually feel very infuriated at this wanton breakdown of law and order.

It is, however, odd that most taxpayers have stopped getting infuriated. We have all been numbed and have started to accept all this man-made mess as part of everyday life, just like clogged traffic and cold coffee at breakfast.

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Of course, there are those who genuinely care. Take my dear friend, the dedicated civic worker Nandy Charvet of Barangay Plainview in Mandaluyong. The poor fellow offered to go dry, he skipped his drinks and did not touch even non-alcoholic beer from Ash Wednesday until yesterday.

Yes, it was part of his Lenten penance. He predictably turned sluggish, dizzy, out of sync. All along the way, though, he prayed for some enlightenment.

For example, he started wondering why the local Catholic hierarchy, headed by the venerable Cardinal Sin, would demand the banning of one movie perceived to be immoral and obscene, but at the same time refuse to open its eyes to all the bigger obscenities happening out in our city streets.

I could just nod and say that nothing could be more impious, dirty and dangerous than the rampant violations of basic street rules that have resulted in the death of innocent wage-earners by the dozen.

You're right, Nandy assured me, but it doesn't mean Cardinal Sin would be made to form a traffic brigade and arrest all those shameless violators.

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How could the Church help? I asked.

"With his influence," advised my enlightened friend, "the good Cardinal could ask President Macapagal to form an authority to check, monitor and strictly guide various government agencies in the performance of their very sensitive tasks."

You mean an agency to save the Pinoy from himself?

In a way, yes, Nandy continued. This agency should have immense powers, it should be directly under the Office of the President.

How should we call it? Ministry of Public Order.

That sounds nice, but forming a ministry will require legislation. It will take some time, a lot of useless debates and shameless lobbying.

It's the first time I have heard of such a novel plan. And I'm more than convinced Mr. Charvet had spent his lonely, wineless days very productively.

In fact, his proposed agency on public order would evaluate the main cogs in Filipino life, like the Metro Manila Development Authority, the traffic agencies and local governments.

Strict monitoring would be a key factor. After main faults are determined, remedial measures would be put into effect with the concerned offices, like police and barangays, strictly ordered to comply with requirements or face suspension or eventual banishment.

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The proposal, indeed, appeared very promising.

One sample: To effectively stop smoke-belching and rampant road rule violations, bike-riding traffic cops will be deployed to strictly scour areas, instead of just wait at street corners or, as the song says, under the bridge (*sa ilalim ng tulay*).

The cops will themselves be monitored by people from the proposed agency. Well, there's a wide range of workable details that could restore order out in our streets, not to mention our very lives, which, as earlier stated, should also help save the Filipino from himself.

Nandy Charvet, who got a resurrecting lift after his first glass of wine in over 40 days yesterday, said there was one big problem, though: Who would head the proposed agency.

I told my friend that with its vast powers and duties, his proposed agency on public order would need no less than a dictator.

No way we could bring back Ferdinand Marcos, he advised.

But don't lose hope, I said. It's not only a dictator who could do the job.

Who else?

Well, as the job will require loads and lots of courage, decency, dedication, and honor, I would like to submit two names.

Who?

Tony Zumel and Satur Ocampo.

Driver kills self after quarreling with wife

DRIVER Aldrin A. Sandril chose Black Saturday to end his life after he fought with his live-in partner in their home in Quezon City.

Sandril, 31, of Apo Compound, Del Nacia Ville 4, Barangay Sauyo, Novaliches, Quezon City, hanged himself after quarreling with Soledad Valentino, 36, according to investigator PO1 Edwin de la Cruz of the Central Police District-Criminal Investigation Unit (CPD-CIU).

De la Cruz said Sandril felt despondent after Valentino left him all alone during the Holy Week and stayed at her mother's house.

Valentino refused to say what caused their fight, even if she admitted that it was serious enough for her to leave him, De la Cruz added.

At about 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sandril's 16-year-old stepdaughter found him hanging by a rope from his bedroom door, police said. *Philip C. Tubeza*

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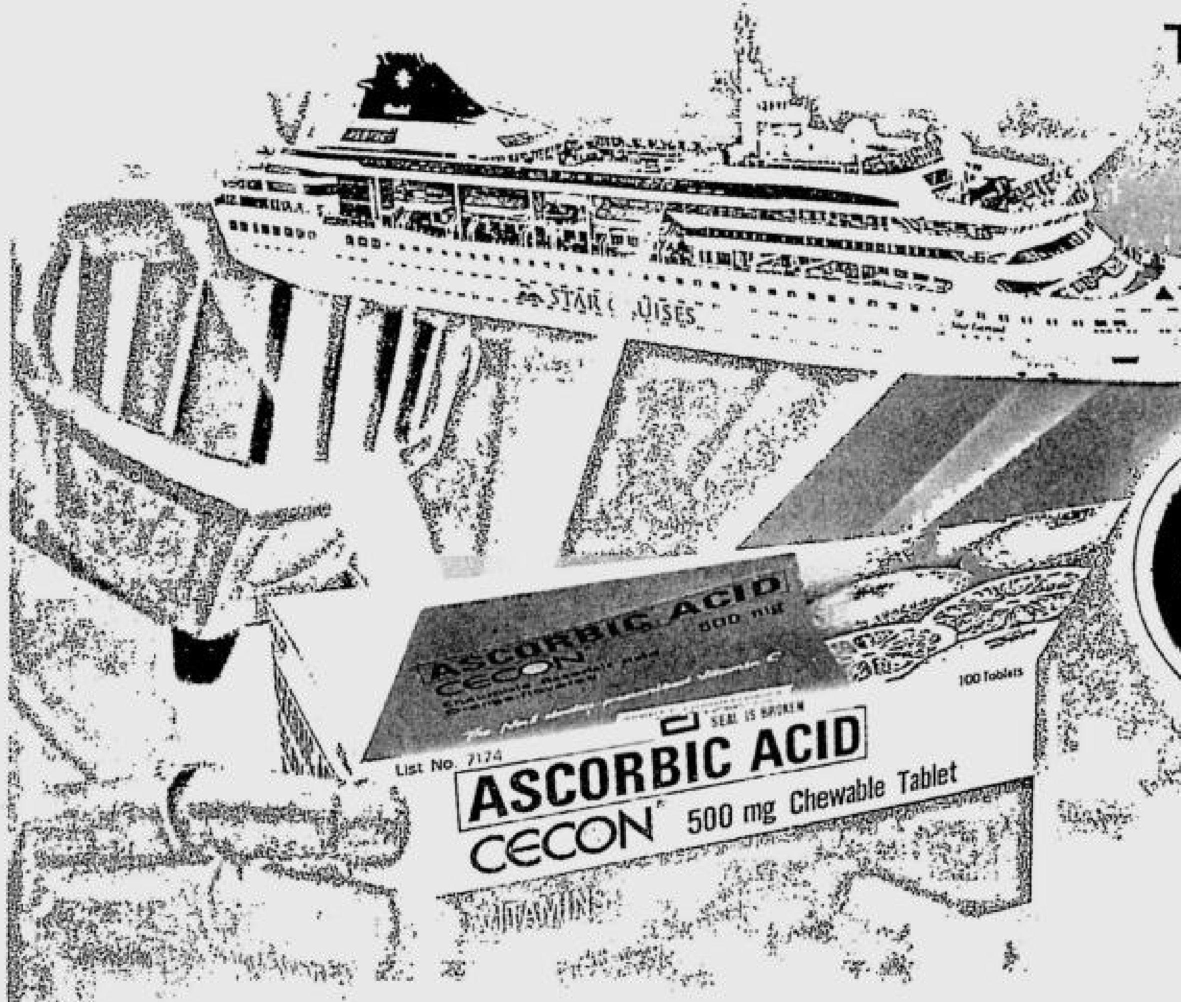

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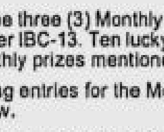

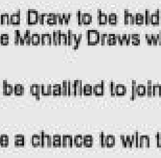

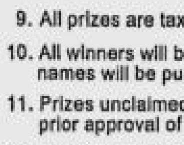

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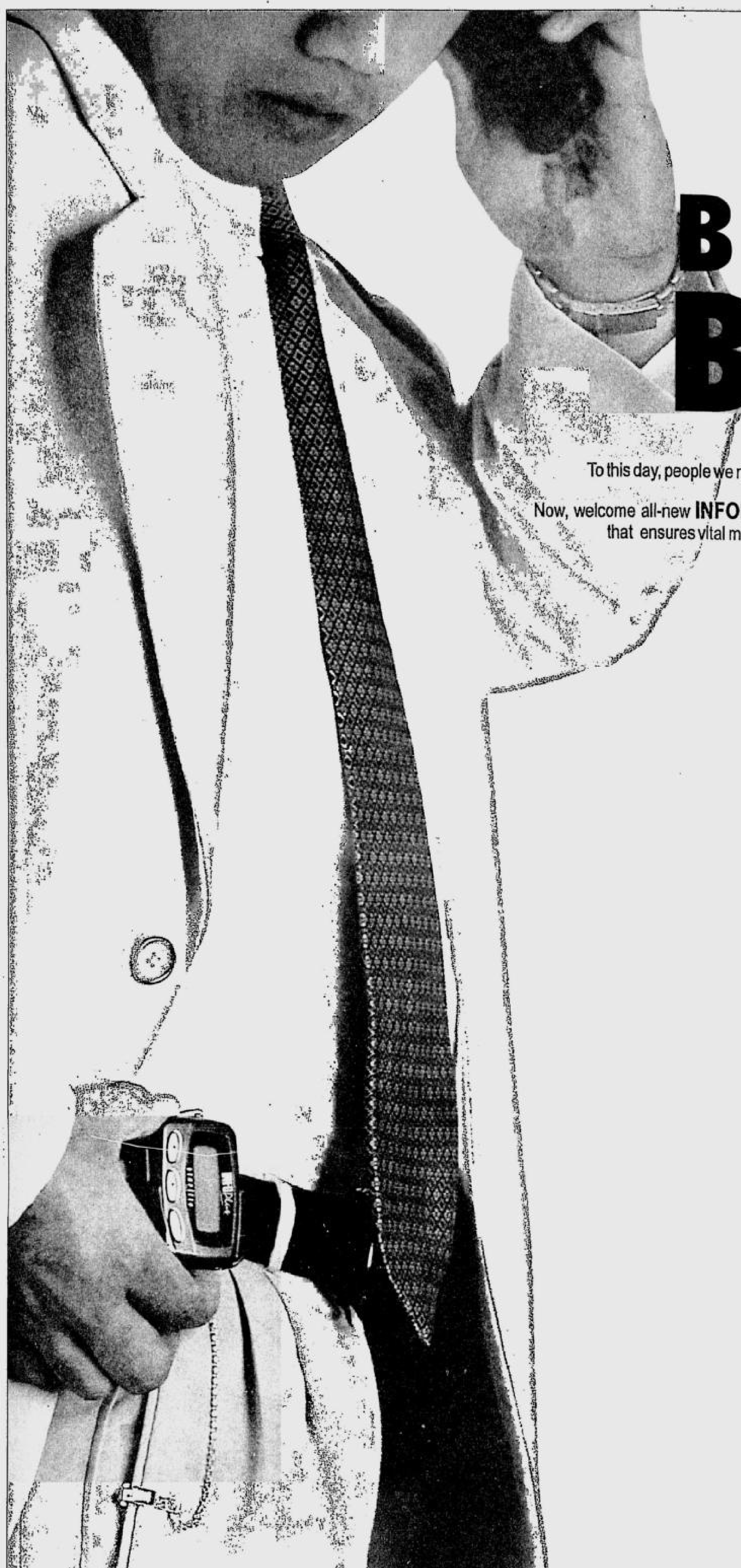

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No end in sight for 25-year-old Tondo road project

By Alcuin Papa

WHAT'S the oldest and longest running road construction project in Metro Manila?

The Dagupan Extension Road in Tondo, which has remained unfinished for 25 years now, could win this dubious distinction hands down.

An association of lot owners in the second district of Manila has appealed to President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and city officials to complete this road.

The Geronimo-Manotok Awardees Association, a group of about 1,000 families who were awarded titles to properties under the Land of the Landless program in 1967, are calling for the opening of the much-delayed 20-meter Dagupan Extension Road.

"The opening and construction of the Dagupan Extension is crucial to the integrated development of the area," the group said in a letter to President Macapagal. "When finished, these roads will decongest the heavy volume of traffic along Juan Luna street to Tayuman."

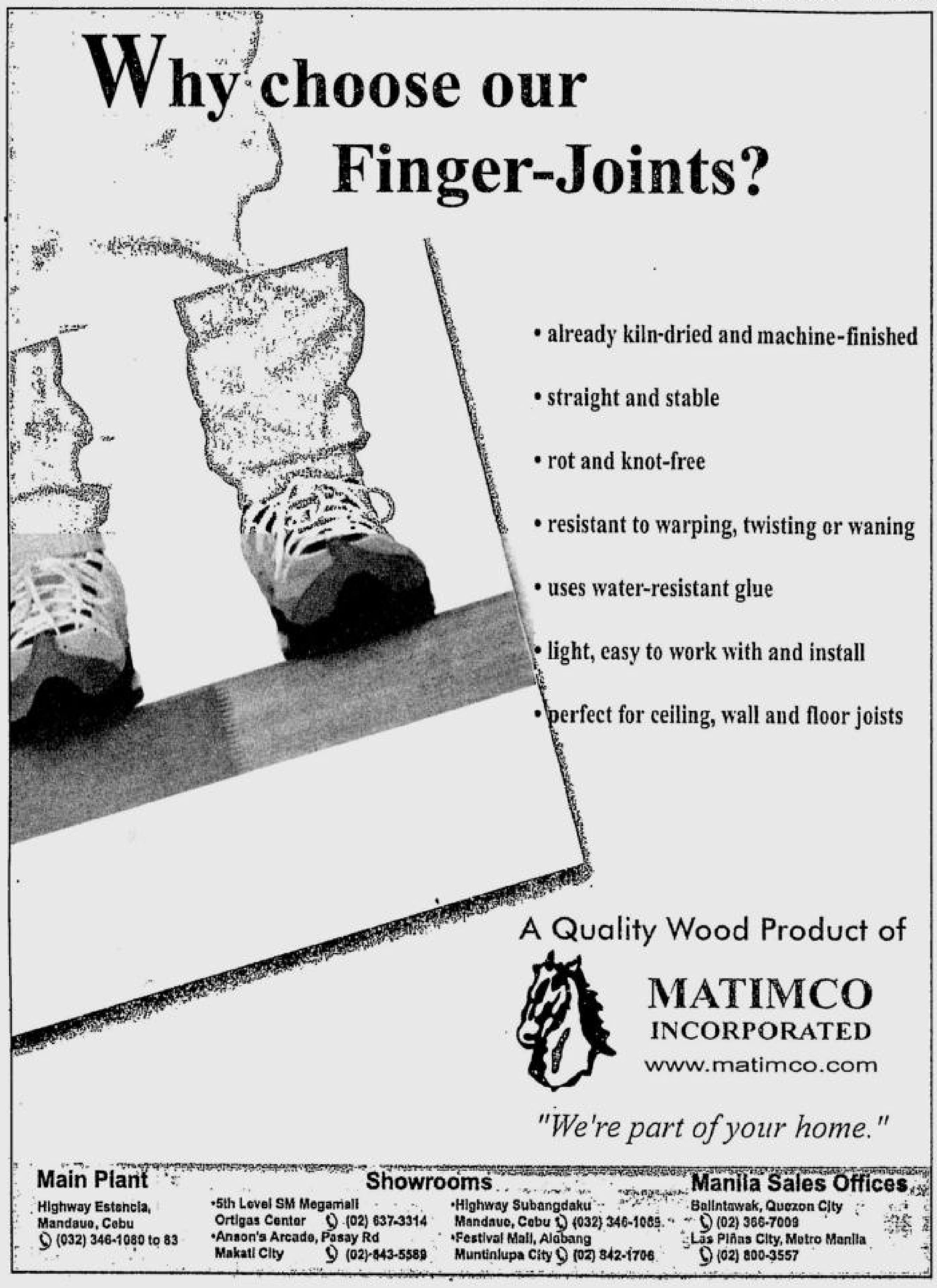
The road would also serve as a route to Tondo, Caloocan, Navotas and Malabon, and back, the group said.

Florentino Limjap, a board member of the organization, told the INQUIRER that one reason for the delay of the road work is that local officials failed to provide proper relocation sites for the affected families whose houses are in the way of the street.

"We are willing to be relocated just so the road can be finished," Limjap said. "The problem is, no livable alternative site has been given to us."

He said their pleas to Manila City Hall have fallen on deaf ears.

He said rampant drug addiction and other criminal activities in their area could be eliminated with the completion of the street project since police would be able to patrol the area better.



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Thieves strike in two cities

A PAWNSHOP in Caloocan City and a beauty salon in Valenzuela City lost close to P100,000 to robbers on Black Saturday.

Two men sneaked into Nova Gem Pawnshop at Phase 4, Package 7, Block 69, Lot 9, Barangay 176, Bagong Silang, Caloocan at about 8 a.m. Saturday, said PO3 Alex Baniga and PO1 Allan Budios.

The robbers opened the pawnshop vault using a torch and took more than P30,000 in cash, jewelry, and appliances, owner Angelito Emirez, 38, of Villa Verde Homes, Novaliches, Quezon City, told investigators.

Erlinda Conturias, owner of the building where the pawnshop is located, identified one of the suspects as Jorge Cadyod through a cartographic sketch that police presented to her.

In Valenzuela, three armed men barged into David's Salon at 202-C MacArthur Highway, Karuhatan at 7:45 p.m. and took at least P30,000 in cash, police said.

Erlinda Gaspar, 28, assistant salon manager and resident of Avis Street, Bagong Ilog, Pasig, told investigators the robbers took the beauty parlor's earnings for the day of P20,000 as well as the money, jewelry and other belongings of customers.

The robbers fled toward Barangay Malinta, Valenzuela on board a white Mitsubishi L-300 that had no license plates, witnesses said.

Christian V. Esguerra

Jeepney robbers keep cops busy on Good Friday

By Philip C. Tubeza

QUEZON CITY policeman PO3 Ronald Saludares thought he would have a slow day when he reported for duty early on Good Friday.

But he ended up chasing six men, suspected to be members of the Sputnik gang, who allegedly held up the passengers of a jeepney along Aurora Boulevard.

Saludares, of the Anonas and Project 4 police stations, and Marikina policemen, chased the suspected robbers for 20 minutes from Cubao to Marikina before they arrested four of them.

Ramon D. Dolomi, 18, of Cainta, Rizal; Ronnie S. Morales, 31, of San Mateo, Rizal; and Jose B. Francisco, 23, and Ronald F. Angustria, 23, both of Concepcion I, Marikina, were arrested, according to investigator PO2 Jerry Barrientos. Police said they found two .38 revolvers on the suspects.

The suspects' two companions, identified only as Jun-jun and Ronnie, escaped, Barrientos added.

Investigators found out that the suspects were also involved in another day-time passenger jeepney robbery on Holy Wednesday.

Police said the suspects were on board a Cubao-bound jeepney from Marikina and they announced the holdup when the vehicle was on 20th Avenue.

"They told the driver to make a U-turn and go back to Marikina," Barrientos said.

Luckily, passengers of another jeepney saw what happened. They spotted Saludares at his post at the Mercury Drug Store on Aurora Boulevard, Barrientos said.

After hearing the details, Saludares boarded the second jeepney and told the driver to go after the other jeepney that the robbers had commandeered.

At the corner of Aurora and J.P. Rizal Street, Saludares asked for help from Project 4 policemen. Central Police District (CPD) mobile units then joined the chase.

The Marikina police set up a barricade near Barangka, Marikina, which effectively blocked the robbers' escape route and the combined members of CPD and Marikina Police cornered the suspects, except for the two who escaped.

She had 54 hours . . .

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week. Her reign ends in September.

"So far, it's been great,' Baraquio, 24, told the INQUIRER.

Baraquio started her 54-hour stay with a visit to the White Cross orphanage in San Juan. Then she paid a courtesy call on President Macapagal-Arroyo, and followed this with a visit to Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin.

Wednesday night, she was feted to a dinner hosted by the Philippine Tourism Authority and the American Chamber of Commerce and Industries in the Philippines.

Thursday morning, she first toured Nayong Pilipino before she could finally spend time with her relatives. Elders, cousins and relatives from the Perez clan of Tarlac and the Baraquios of Alcala, Pangasinan gathered at the Parañaque home of Manila Bulletin photographer Louie Perez to meet their famous relative. Perez is the older brother of Baraquio's mother, Letty.

Wearing a pink Hawaiian dress, the dusky beauty moved from table to table. She gave away autographed pictures, dolls to the children and other souvenirs.

"Long-lost may not be the right term because our hearts have always been with (my Philippine-based) relatives," said Baraquio, the eighth of the 10 children of Letty and Claude Baraquio.

The couple only had three children when they decided to find their fortunes in Honolulu. Claude went on to support his family by putting up a pest control business.

The closely-knit Baraquios even put up a band, which played during regular family gatherings. Angela played the keyboards.

Baraquio is on leave from her job as a grade school teacher in Honolulu. She was in charge of physical education when she took time off to join the Miss America pageant.

But Baraquio may just find her way in another career. She had done a cameo role in two episodes of the world famous television series "Baywatch," according to her sister Therese.

Baraquio had also hosted a TV news magazine program before joining the Miss America pageant.

"But what we want right now is to help in promoting the Philippines in the US—be it in tourism or just showing the Americans what a beautiful country this is," said Therese.

She said it would "be cool to help Philippine tourism."

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Golden jubilee

THE MORONG High School Class 1951 will celebrate its golden jubilee on Saturday, April 21, at the Rizal Polytechnic Colleges alumni hall in Namay, Morong, Rizal.

The whole-day affair will start with a morning Mass in different churches in the town, followed by a motorcade to the jubilee site. The program proper starts after lunch, followed by ballroom dancing in the evening.

Class president Adello Buenaventura said that program numbers will be performed by graduates from the towns of Teresa, Morong, Pililla, Baras and Cardona. Emcee will be actress-model Adriana Agcaoili, daughter of '51 salutatorian Ophellia San Juan.

Former teachers will be the guests of honor.

Contest winner

THE MAKATI Local Civil Registry (LCR) won second place in the nationwide Search for Outstanding Local Civil Registry Office conducted by the National Statistics Office (NSO).

Mayor Elenita S. Binay today said the Makati LCR was cited for the successful programs it has implemented, particularly its barangay mobile registration, training and seminars on civil registration, and the completeness and timeliness of documents it submits to the NSO.

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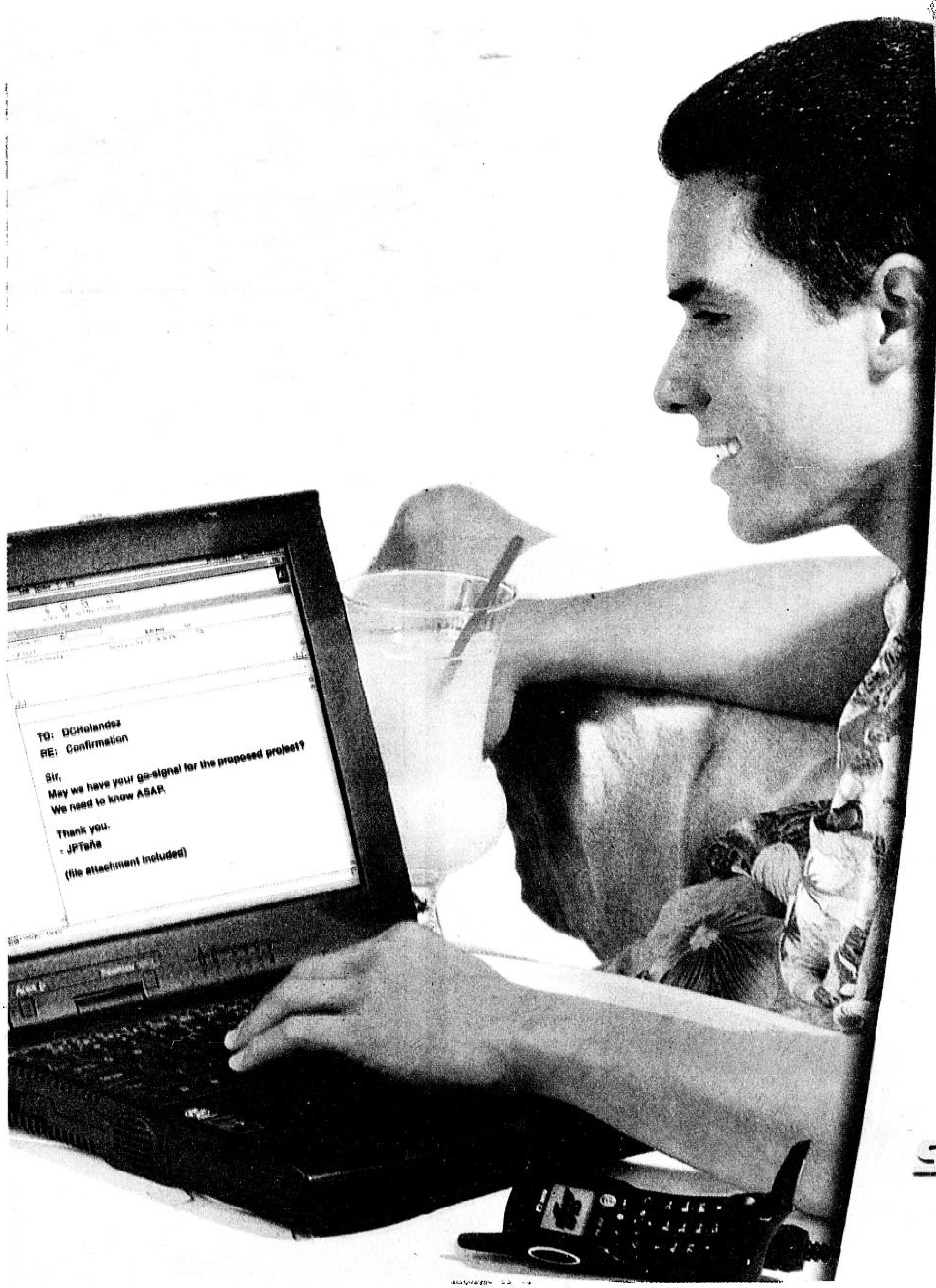

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YES! Magazine recognizes past year's scene stealers

TO celebrate its first year anniversary, YES! magazine recognizes celebrities who make Philippine entertainment exciting and bright with "101 Scene Stealers."

The YES! 101 Scene Stealers issue are filled with full-color exclusive photographs and profiles.

Heading the pack is Judy Ann Santos, Most Popular Young Star. Selected the country's brightest matinee idols were Richard Gomez, Robin Padilla and Aga Muhlach.

Megastar Sharon Cuneta was named Mega Mom and her daughter Simone Francesca Emmanuelle Mega Baby.

Other YES! scene stealers: sex goddesses Rossana Roces and Joyce Jimenez; concert king Martin Nievera, singing divas Jaya, Regine Velasquez, Kuh Ledesma, Lani Misalucha, Pops Fernandez, and Zsa Zsa Padilla, and basketball champions San Miguel Beer.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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A time for rediscovery and hitting the beach

KRIS AND TELL

Kris Aquino

A HOLY Week vacation spent with the entire family is lots of fun and a time for rediscovery. And the time thankfully isn't long enough for you to start getting on each other's nerves!

For many of us with demanding careers, this is one of the few times we literally have no choice but to just unwind. This is the only time in the entire year that local television stations sign off.

After going to the 7:30 p.m. Palm Sunday Mass (and, okay, to be honest, after watching "Will and Grace" on Studio 23), **Josh** and I took the two-hour journey that would bring us to Luisita in Tarlac. We arrived past midnight (after, of course, the requisite stop at Bulacan's Shell Select to buy Josh's favorite goodies of Clover Chips, Chips Ahoy and *sampalok*) to find my mom, my sister **Ballsy** and my nephew **Jonty** fast asleep in my mom's room.

I couldn't carry Josh without waking him, and I really took pity on my back because he does weigh 80 pounds, so I woke him up and made him walk from the car to the house. All parents of young kids know that disturbing a child's deep sleep totally affects the pleasant demeanor of even the nicest kids. Josh started crying, which naturally roused the entire house.

My mom woke up and had no choice but to help calm Josh. We all fell asleep around 1:30 a.m. Josh, unused to the surroundings, woke my mom up at 7 a.m. I was having an allergy attack and couldn't stop sneezing and sniffling.

By 9 a.m., we were again on the road to San Fernando, La Union. (Thank you very much to *Tito* **Mac Macaraig** for lending us their company's beautiful, comfortable and refreshingly private beach house.)

I had popped a Benadryl Allergy-Sinus tablet before our trip and luckily fell asleep for the entire four-hour car trip. Josh, my other nephew **Miguel** and I rode with my mom. While I dozed, Josh was restless, noisy and just didn't stop making *kulit* his *lola*. Well, that's what *lolas* are for.

We got to the house at 1 p.m. My sisters Ballsy and **Viel** couldn't get over how much luggage Josh and I had brought; they both asked if we were planning to stay for the entire month. Josh and I couldn't wait to get to the sand and the surf, so after a quick lunch, we hit the beach.

Commercials really are effective when it comes to seducing me to purchase the products they are pushing. I was so intrigued by the Nivea Sun Spray ad (the one with the tan guy spraying himself and the sound attracting everybody in his vicinity) and I went to two branches of Mercury Drug, as well as two supermarkets, before I accidentally found it in the Rustan's Express Lane in Forbes.

I burn very easily. In fact, I've even had some sun poisoning in the past. The sun spray was very good, easy to apply, gave protection to my skin, and still allowed me to get a tan.

Banana Boat also had an oil tanning spray called Tan Express, which had no SPF but smelled great, just like piña colada. I sprayed a lot of this intermittently with my Nivea Sun Spray, and I did feel it helped accelerate my tanning.

For after-sun exposure, Banana Boat has Arctic Aloe gel which helped cool my skin and eased the mild sunburn on my legs and shoulders. The gel also has vitamins A and E, and my skin didn't flake or feel dry.

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Even on vacation I couldn't help but monitor "Balitang Kris" at 5:30 p.m. ABS-CBN in La Union was broadcast from the Dagupan affiliate. It was interesting and informative for me to watch because some of the commercials aired on the provincial stations are geared primarily toward the local market, so many products (for example, feeds for livestock, a new water park, and a brand of sardines pushed by April Boy Regino) were being advertised only in that particular region.

There was even a scrolling plug during the broadcast of "Hanggang sa Dulo ng Walang Hanggan" for nurses who want to work in Singapore. It made me feel that our industry is approaching the way the networks in the United States have per state affiliates with programming that's produced specifically for the community.

In fact, right before "Balitang Kris," there was a "Dagupan TV Patrol" at 5 p.m. instead of "Daniela's Diary" which is what is aired in Metro Manila.

By Wednesday after lunch, it was time to head back to Tarlac. La Union is becoming a tourist favorite because it has a beach where the waves are powerful enough for surfing. The seafood in La Union is heavenly. The *pusit* is excellent, the scallops are very fresh, with the still perfect shell, and the shrimps sweet and plump.

Thank God the beach is still pollution-free and the shore is very clean. I've become a beach lover only because swimming is Josh's favorite activity. But if you're looking for a place within Luzon that's still pristine, accessible by land, and will make you feel that the place is worth the trip, then you won't go wrong in giving the beautiful beaches of La Union a try.

'The Phantom Menace' on TV

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

STAR Movies is building up in a big way to its TV screening this month of "Star Wars Episode One: The Phantom Menace." The sci-fi film won't be shown until Sunday, April 29 (at 9 p.m.), but programs leading up to its screening are already being telecast. Schedule:

April 16 (today) at 8:30 a.m. and 8 p.m., "A Long Time Ago: The Story of Star Wars" chronicles the "Star Wars" phenomenon. Through interviews, behind-the-scenes footage and clips from all four movies including "The Phantom Menace," the documentary shows why the "Star Wars" film series has become a pop-cultural event.

Monday, April 23 at 8:15 a.m. and 8 p.m., "The Mythology of Star Wars" features **Bill Moyers'** in-depth interview with **George Lucas**, who explains how the "Star Wars" saga retells old myths in new ways.

Twelve years earlier, Moyer interviewed writer **Joseph Campbell** for "The Power of Myth." Just as Campbell brought new life to myth and religion then, Lucas repackages these ideas for greater accessibility to young people today.

Sunday, April 29 at 8 p.m., "E! Behind the Scenes" takes viewers to the set of "The Phantom Menace." Join the movie's cast and crew at exotic locales, high-tech sound stages and Industrial Light and Magic's visual effects workshops.

April 29 at 8:30 p.m., "The Making of Phantom Menace" has Lucas and his dedicated team of movie magicians taking viewers into the creative process behind the onscreen creation of the spectacular spaceships, exotic creatures, alien vistas and breathtaking action that are the hallmarks of the "Star Wars" movie series.

Right after this program, "The Phantom Menace" will be given its TV premiere.

Feedback

FROM **Ramon C. Alvidante** of Makati City: "Who are the top talent managers in show biz, and who are the stars they handle? What is the impact of a manager on his talent's career? . . . whose decision holds sway in the end? Is it true that some managers get 50 percent of what their contract talents earn? How can I find a good manager?

NUT: In our book, **Douglas Quijano** is the best talent manager hereabouts because he has an eye for real talent, patiently develops and supports his contract stars, and treats them like members of his family—and yet doesn't stifle them with too much meddling. Among his contract talents are the durable **Richard Gomez, Joey Marquez** and **Anjo Yllana**.

Another veteran talent manager is **Norma Japitana**. Like Douglas, Norma J. pretty much concentrates on male stars—like **Cesar Montano** and **Rico Puno**. Since she was once in the recording field, Norma J. handles quite a number of singers. Like Douglas, she "mothers" her talents, who remain loyal to her for many years (this is especially true of Montano and Puno).

A manager's impact on his talent's career? Big! Take **Willie Revillame**, who before Norma J. handled him was having a hard time getting his career going. After that, he hosted "MTB," did movies and cut an album. Sadly, Revillame has lost his all-important TV show, but with Norma J. continuing to help him, he could go on the comeback trail—with a less off-putting image this time around.

Whose decision holds sway? In most cases, the star's. After all, he's the one making the money that pays the manager's fee.

Do talent manager get 50 percent of their talents' gross income? It's more like 20 to 30 percent.

How can you find a good manager? Some talents who have gone through several managers say it's really hard to latch onto a good one.

Basically, you should look for a manager who will help rather than exploit you, who won't fool you when it comes to money matters, who's well-connected and has good contacts, who won't just wait for the phone to ring but will work hard to create opportunities for you, and who doesn't handle many talents (otherwise, he won't have any time for you).

How do you find such a gem? Well, you've got to be a really outstanding talent. If you are, managers will get interested in handling you.

If you aren't, you'll have to convince them that getting you as a contract talent will be worth their while. Good luck!

Backroom babes beat the heat

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SUMMER or not, the Backroom artists continue to make a splash.

Ai-Ai de las Alas stars in a show that is sure to sooth the tired and the weary in "Aprilful Madness" at the Waterfront Hotel in Lahug, Cebu. The show also features Ara Mina and is a reprise of their hit show "Rated A" at the Music Museum years ago. Beth Martin is the show's musical director.

On April 27, Ai-Ai performs in Dumaguete City, together with special guest Allan J.

Ariel Rivera, a BMG recording artist, is preparing for his Greatest Hits album promo tour. He is seen regularly on "ASAP" on Channel 2.

Calvin Millado, who impressed critics and audiences alike with his sterling performance in "Rent," is the featured artist at Country Waffles on Annapolis in Greenhills on April 25 at 9 p.m. Calvin, who will soon go back to recording for Viva Records, will be one of the hosts of the Ms Philippines coronation night on April 28 at the UP Theater.

The CompanY is working on its 10th album, "Popcapella," from BMG Records.

Dessa, the little diva, is expected to release soon her album from Premium Records, a sister company of Star records.

Ima Castro, who alternated with Ces Campos in the Manila production of "Miss Saigon," will soon leave for Australia to rehearse for the Saigon, Hong Kong and Singapore productions of the musical.

Dominic Ochoa continues to be one of the hosts of "Magandang Tanghali, Bayan."

Ara Mina is promoting her second album from Star Records, "Heavenly." Its carrier single, "Opps, Teka Lang," is heard a lot on radio. On April 27 and 28, she will be performing in Tagbilaran, Bohol.

Gladys and the Boxers performs at Soundstage on Tuesdays, at Chatterbox Galleria on Wednesdays, at Jhoker on Thursdays, and in Kampo on Saturdays. Gladys is a mainstay of "Eat Bulaga," "Beh Bote Nga" and "Biglang Sibol."

Plinky Recto hosts her TV program "Mommy Academy" on RPN 9. Manilyn Reynes hosts "Sarap TV" on ABS-CBN.

Vernie Varga, Cynthia Patag, Shannen Torres are busy with corporate functions.

The new group on the block, Kaya, is promoting its second single, "I Know," from the self-titled album, also from BMG Records. On April 21, Kaya will be in Subic for dwOK, and on April 27 at Brickworld Bar in Sta. Lucia East.

Rufa Mae Quinto, the latest addition to Backroom, is the featured artist in GMA's "Larawan" this month. Rufa Mae is also promoting her album, "Rated R," from Viva Records.

Nikki Valdez is a mainstay of "ASAP," "Tabing Ilog" and "Eto na ang Susunod na Kabanata."

For more information on the Backroom artists, call 435-11-08, 435-11-20 and 928—31-21, or visit Backroom at Room 405 CRM Bldg., Kamias corner Kasing Kasing Street, Quezon City.

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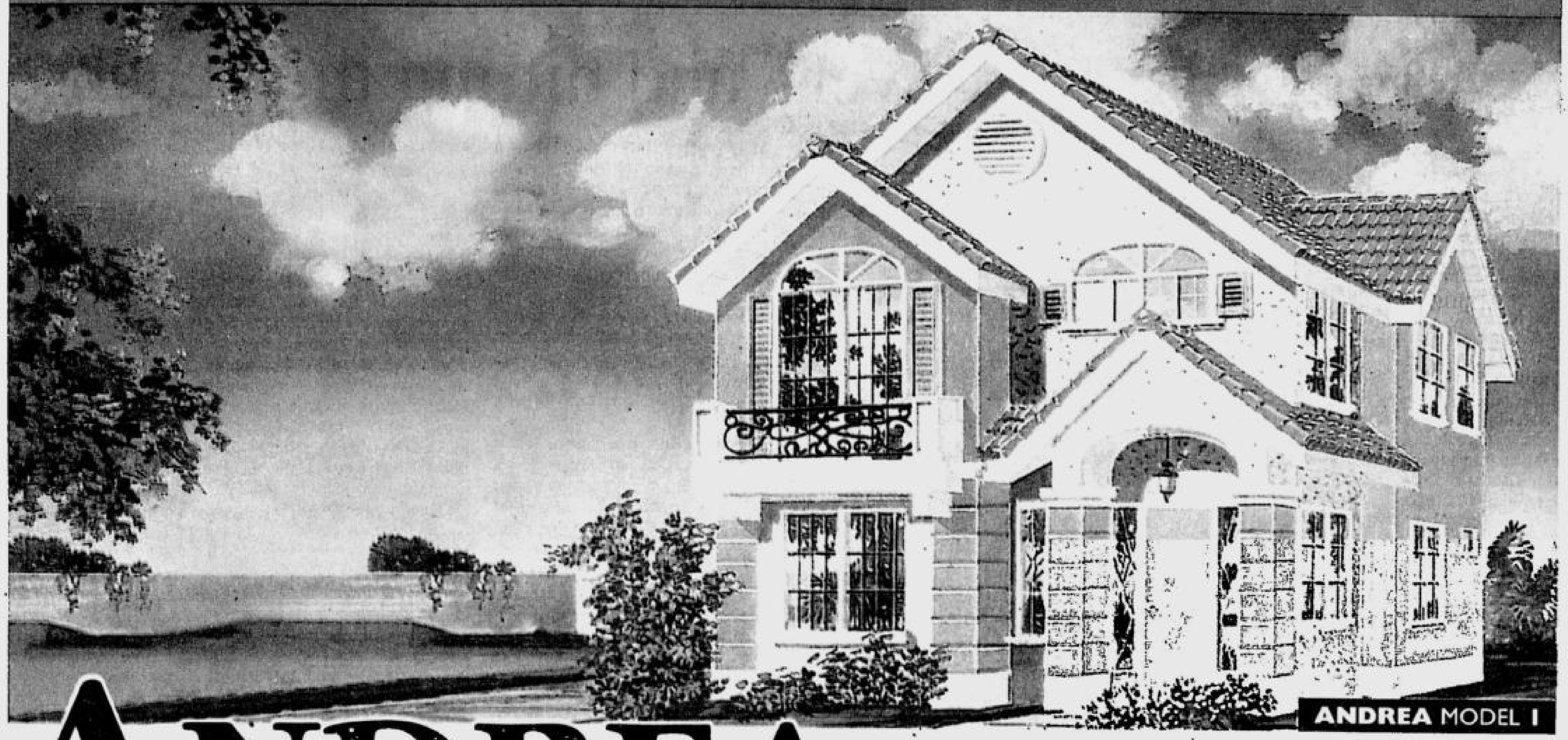

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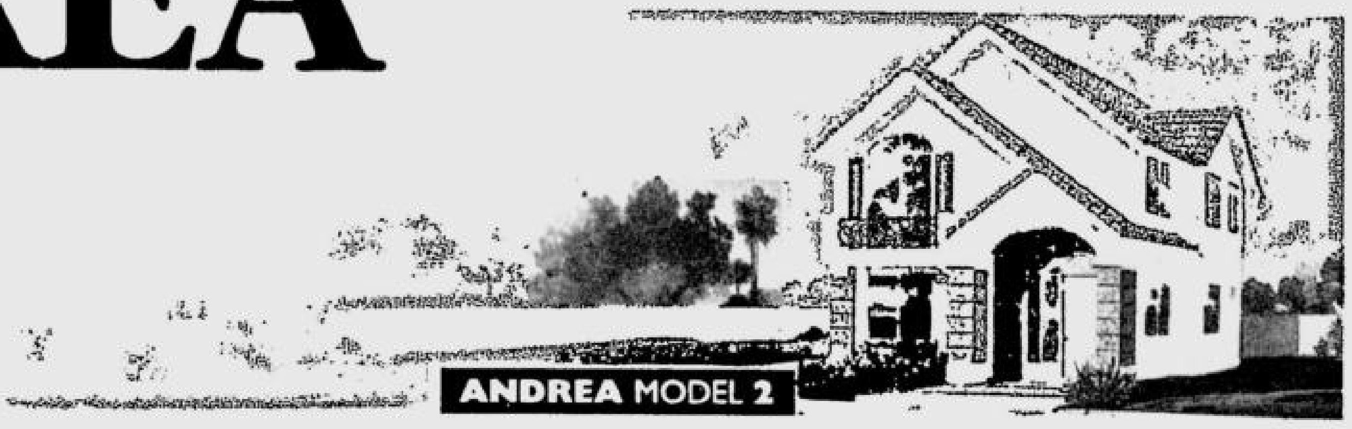

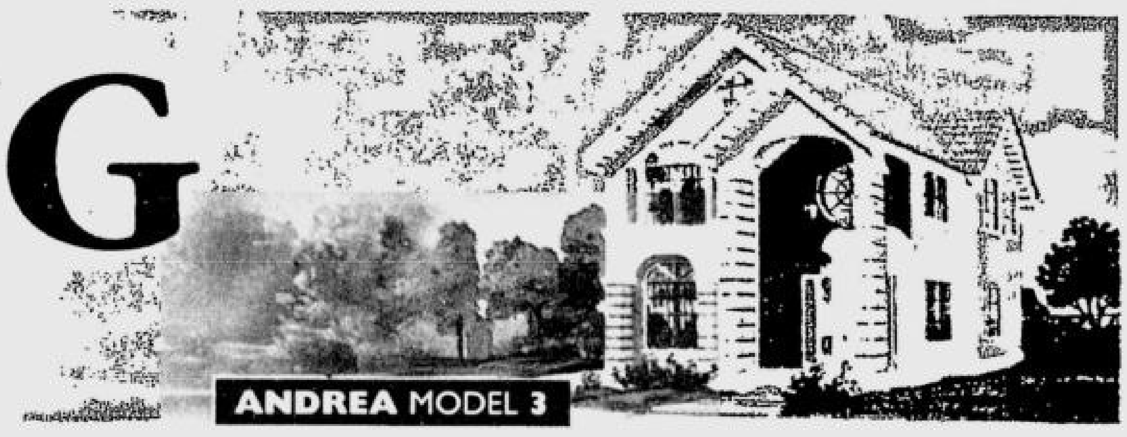

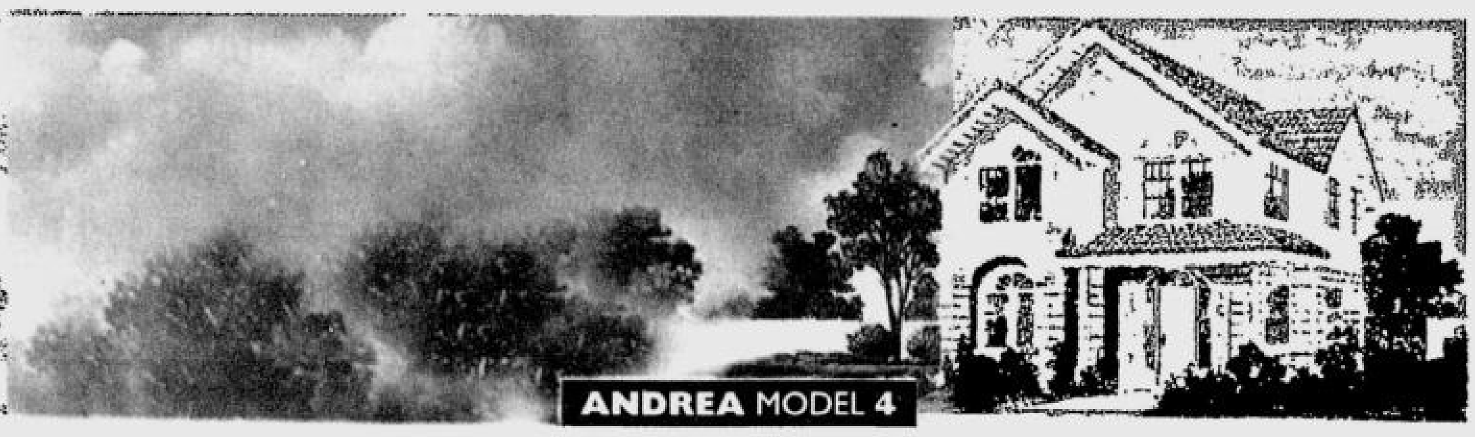

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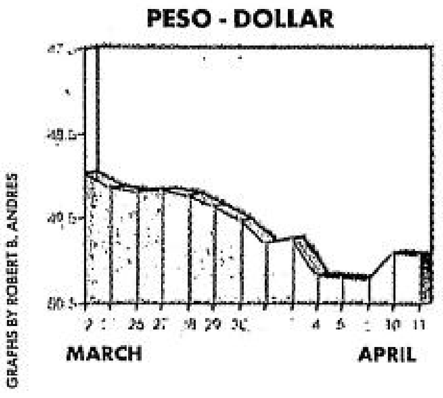

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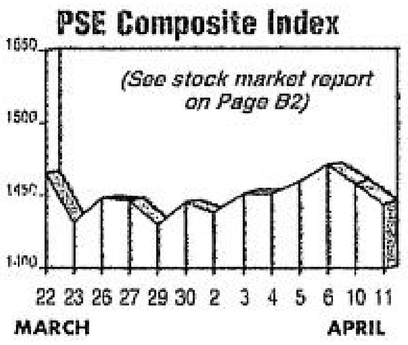

GSIS earmarks ₱6B for new housing plan

BY DORIS C. DUMLAO

STATE pension fund Government Service and Insurance System is hatching a new housing program that will open up P6 billion in fresh direct loans to its members.

In an interview, GSIS president Winston Garcia said the pension fund was set to go full-blast into direct lending starting this June or July, targeting at least 10 to 20 percent of its 1.5 million members to avail themselves of housing loans during his term.

But the GSIS chief said that while the pension fund would take an active role in housing loans, these would be administered by the fund itself. He said GSIS would no longer lend through conduit real estate developers or banks.

He noted that the country still had a big backlog of housing requirements. For instance, he said the P6-billion allocation for the new housing facility from GSIS could only build 30,000 housing units.

"We still have a long way to go," he said.

Nevertheless, Garcia said the new facility should make it easier for the fund's members to own houses. As the facility would not be coursed through conduits, he said there would be less constraints for borrowers.

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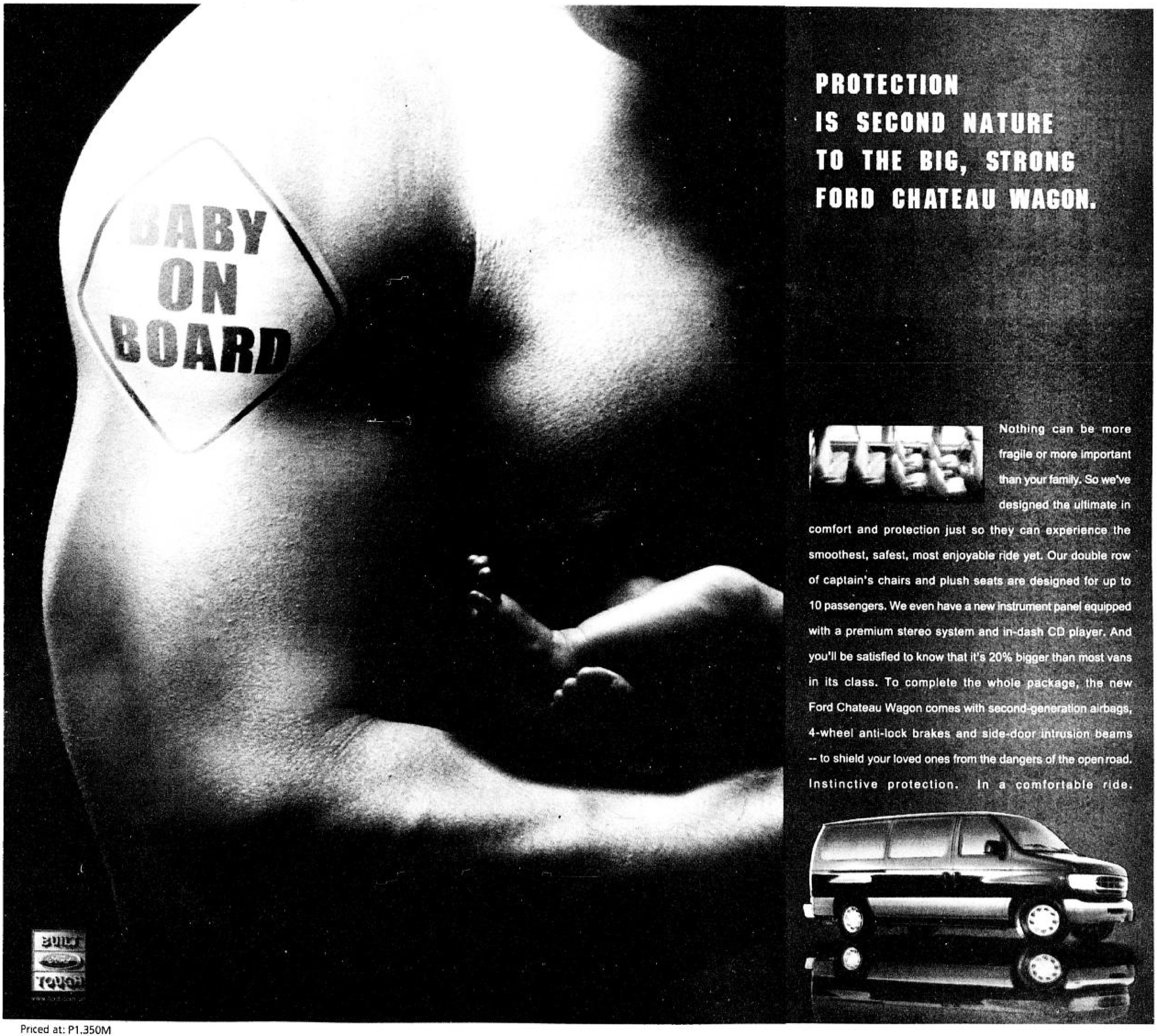
The new housing program, Garcia said, was in line with the pension fund's strategy to increase benefits to its members. He said that the fund had already ceased lending to big corporate borrowers and would instead concentrate on lending programs that would benefit its members.

GSIS' best performing investments, at present, are the salary loans to its members, which earn for it around 15 percent a year and has a 95-percent collection efficiency rate and zero default rate. In fact, the fund earlier announced that it planned to securitize these receivables and later on issue up to P40 billion worth of such asset-backed securities.

Securitization is the process of distributing risk by pooling debt instruments, then issuing new securities backed by the pool.

Only assets which are profitable are usually attractive for securitization. For instance, the government was earlier considering to raise funds by securitizing the future earnings of profitable casino monopoly Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. This strategy will allow the government to get future earnings of Pagcor upfront which it could use for its present needs.



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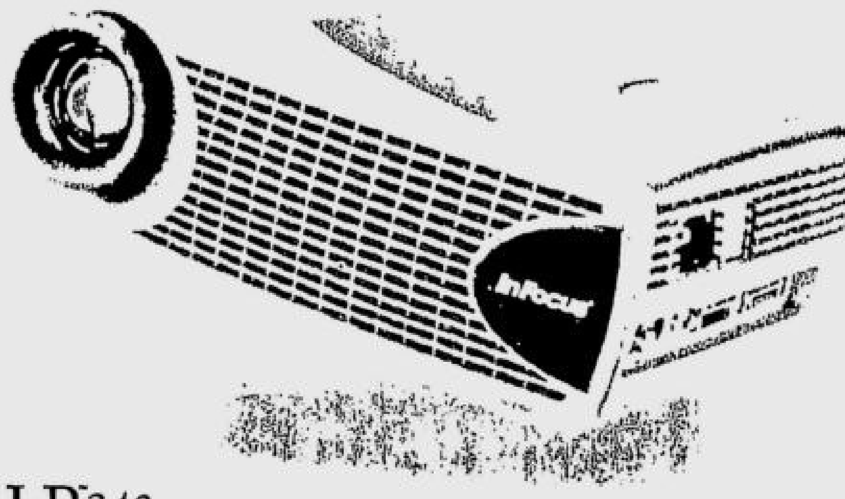

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Gov't urged to help open credit to SMEs

THE DECLINE in exports can be arrested if the small and medium exporters are given true access to credit from the banks.

This was the solution offered by Sergio Ortiz-Luis Jr., president of the Philippine Exporters Confederation (Philexport), to the slowdown in export sales during the first two months of this year to only 1.3 percent after registering an unprecedented double-digit growth from 1992 to 1999.

The 3.3-percent decline in exports last February that broke a streak of positive growth for seven straight years as reported by the National Statistics Office a few days ago, has sent the economic managers of the Macapagal administration in panic. Exports have kept the domestic economy afloat for close to a decade despite crisis upon crisis that hit domestic-oriented businesses.

The protracted recession in Japan and a slowdown in the US and European economies this year are anticipated to further stall the growth of Philippine exports. The United States, Japan and Europe are the biggest export markets of Philippine products.

"Half of the problems of the export industry are solved if the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas relaxes its prudential policies that practically exclude half of the small and medium export enterprises, from those that are qualified to borrow from the banks," Ortiz-Luis, who also chairs the Export-Import Bank, said.

"Nine out of 10 exporters are SMEs," he adds.

He explained that among the policies that have to be changed were the definition of what business enterprise is bankable, the requirement for collateral on loans and the strict requirement for excellent track record on profitability.

Informed that some banks led by Land Bank of the Philippines have offered new lending packages for exporters but there have been no takers, Ortiz-Luis said that the new packages still imposed preconditions that most exporters could not meet.

The prudential measures have driven depositors to the biggest banks, which do not usually cater to the credit needs of small and medium enterprises. As a result, the smaller banks whose clients are also the smaller businesses have little cash to lend.

Longtime garments exporter Donald Dee added that the rules in international trade have drastically changed but the local banking system has not adapted to those changes.

"Orders are now made through electronic mail. There are no more purchase orders and letters of credit, the traditional instruments used by exporters in securing short-term loans to meet orders," Dee explained.

In the light of these developments, many exporters are further shut out of the credit-worthy crowd.

Jollibee set to invest ₱1B in new commissary complex

JOLLIBEE Foods Corp., the country's leading fast-food chain, is investing some P1 billion for the opening of a new manufacturing and distribution center in Carmelray I, Canlubang, Laguna, to support the company's network expansion.

The new commissary will be the company's biggest so far, occupying a 10-hectare area in the bustling Calabarzon area. The complex is the company's third and will service about 700 stores (Jollibee and Greenwich combined) in the Luzon area, while another facility in Cebu will continue to serve the Visayas and Mindanao regions.

Jollibee's strategy to expand its commissary system, which is the biggest of its kind in the country, provides the company with a competitive advantage in strengthening its market leadership. The commissaries allow the company to manage the supply requirements of its stores by assuring efficient manufacturing and distribution operations to meet the growing demands of its retail chains.

The new commissary will house manufacturing lines for hamburger patties, marinated chicken, buns, sauces, hotdogs and other processed meats, pizza crust, spice blends, and ancillary product requirements for Jollibee and its subsidiary Greenwich Pizza.

"The third commissary's processing lines are mechanized and automated to further improve the level of quality and cost efficiency so that we pass on these benefits to our customers, "said Jollibee vice president Belen Rillo.

It will be equipped with a fully automated bakery where hamburger buns will be produced untouched by human hands from mixing to packaging, a frozen hamburger patty production line, chicken marinating plant, cold storage, dry goods warehousing facilities and other support structures.

With renewed optimism in the country's economy, Jollibee said it expects to strengthen its fast-food network by opening more outlets and further widen its market leadership.

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Local vehicle sales slump by 15% in March

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

SALES of passenger cars and commercial vehicles sank for the sixth straight month in March this year as a management-labor dispute rocking the country's biggest assembler further dimmed the industry's hope of sustaining its recovery this year.

Based on preliminary industry data, industry sales fell 15 percent to 17,759 units from January to March this year from 20,835 units during the same period last year. Monthly sales have been on the retreat since October this year.

Commercial vehicle sales slipped 6 percent to 12,573 units in the first quarter this year from 13,412 units a year ago. Hardest hit were passenger cars, which crashed 30 percent to 5,326 units in the first three months this year from 7,526 units a year ago.

Toyota Motor Philippines Corp. saw its market share slip from 28.6 percent last year to 26 percent this year due to labor problems at its Bicutan and Sta. Rosa (Laguna) plants that started in mid-February this year.

Toyota produced only 295 passenger cars in March this year, down by 30 percent from 422 in the previous month. Its production of commercial vehicles, including the best-selling model Toyota Tamaraw Revo, slowed by 9 percent to 1,143 in March from 1,246 in February.

Sales are likely to remain weak for the industry pace-setter this month as the company built up a huge backlog in production since its workers staged a strike which led to the closure of its two plants last March 28. The company only resumed normal operations last week and officials admit it would take some time before production levels go back to normal.

Taking advantage of Toyota's labor woes was Mitsubishi Motors Philippines Corp., which jacked up its market share from 19.2 percent last year to 22.1 percent in the first quarter this year.

Rounding up the top five sellers in the first quarter were Honda Cars Philippines Inc. (11.9 percent), Isuzu Philippines Corp. (11.2 percent), and Nissan Motor Philippines Inc. (10.8 percent).

IMF agrees to lower forex target to $15B

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE INTERNATIONAL Monetary Fund has agreed to bring down by $1 billion, or to $15 billion, the target gross international reserves this year of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas on account of an expected slowdown in exports.

BSP Governor Rafael Buenaventura, the country's chief negotiator with the IMF, said a projected lower export growth this year of only 4 percent from the 8.7-percent actual growth last year would definitely mean less dollar inflows.

He explained that the IMF and the government agreed on a lower GIR because of a lower export projection. Electronics exports might stay flat while shipment of other products would grow by only 4 percent, he said.

The gross reserves stood at $15.01 billion as of end-December although the government initially wanted to beef up the GIR to $16 billion.

"So we said about $15 billion is what we can achieve this year. We agreed that borrowing more than what we already have to boost GIR will eventually be counterproductive and we don't want to crowd out the national government when they borrow abroad in the second quarter," Buenaventura explained.

A $15-billion reserves could finance about 4.5 months' worth of imports of goods and services.

The IMF said this level of reserves was equivalent to the country's short-term borrowings.

As of end-March, the country's dollar reserves had improved by $597 million to $14.71 billion from $14.179 billion the previous month. The increase in reserves was attributed by the BSP to the disbursement of a $740-million, three-year facility obtained by the central bank from 19 lenders last month.

Of the $740-million loan obtained by the BSP in early March, about $400 million was used to settle borrowings that matured on Feb. 20. The remaining $340 million plus a recently signed $130-million loan from Chase Manhattan and JP Morgan were used to repay a $470-million obligation that fell due last April 8.

Given the current level of reserves, the GIR would decline by $340 million this month.

Buenaventura said improving confidence in the Philippines was enticing more foreign direct and portfolio investors to again bring their money to the country.

Foreign creditors and investors use the GIR as a key barometer in assessing the country's ability to settle its imports, which are, in turn, used largely by local manufacturers and exporters as inputs.

Comprised mostly of US dollars, the GIR is the total foreign currency holdings of the central bank. Gross reserves also include gold and special drawing rights, the currency used by the International Monetary Fund.

The BSP is optimistic that foreign direct investments, portfolio inflow and even remittances from overseas contract workers would help improve the reserves this year.

Bank analysts earlier explained that the dollar reserves last year dwindled in part because of the BSP's dipping into the GIR every time it

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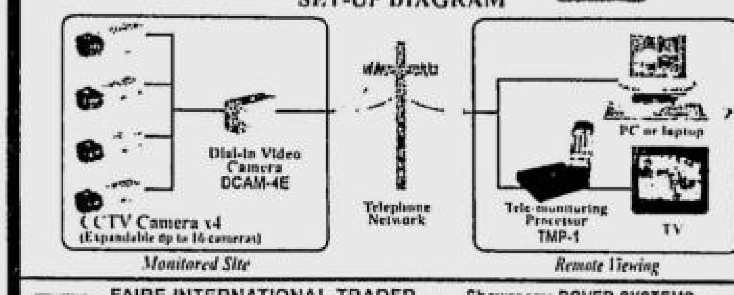
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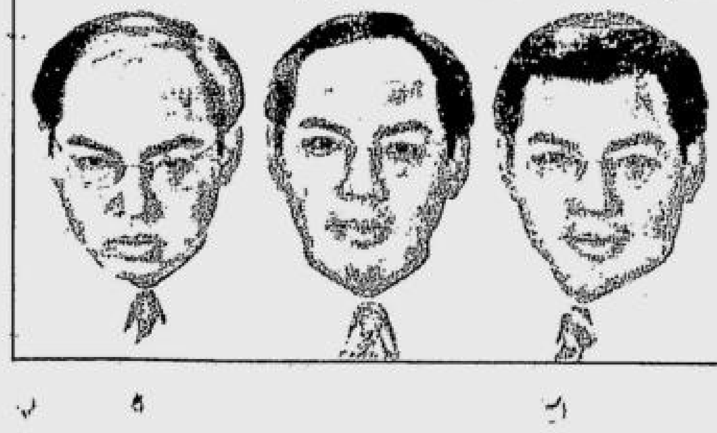

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BayanTel asks SC to back up cell phone bid

BY ANTHONY O. ALCANTARA

BAYAN Telecommunications Inc. has asked the Supreme Court to reverse the Court of Appeals' decision barring the company from providing mobile phone services.

In its motion for reconsideration, BayanTel said there were procedural and substantive "flaws" in the appellate court's decision.

The Court of Appeals "denied for lack of merit" BayanTel's bid to use a provisional authority issued by the National Telecommunications Commission allowing it to offer mobile phone services.

The appellate court suspended BayanTel's provision authority to offer mobile phone services in response to a case filed by Express Telecommunications Inc.

BayanTel asked the Court of Appeals to reconsider its Sept. 13, 2000 ruling on a case filed by Extelcom against BayanTel and the National Telecommunications Commission.

Extelcom argued that BayanTel's entry into mobile communication would adversely affect its own operations.

BayanTel owns the single biggest bloc in Extelcom, but it has written off its P6-billion investment in Extelcom. BayanTel planned to position Extelcom as its mobile communications arm but their joint venture went sour due to management problems.

BayanTel then decided itself to offer mobile phone services, a move that Extelcom sought to block.

In a motion it filed before the Supreme Court, BayanTel questioned the Court of Appeals' ruling that the NTC had no jurisdiction over the case.

"We hope the Supreme Court would overturn that decision," BayanTel assistant vice president Doroteo Aguila said.

Aguila said the NTC had the authority to revive BayanTel's 1992 application to provide cellular phone services.

"At that time, there were no available frequencies so the NTC archived BayanTel's application. It was only in 1999 that new frequencies became available. The NTC, therefore, has the authority to revive this application," he said.

BayanTel also questioned the high court's ruling that BayanTel's debt-to-equity ratio—at 56-to-44—fell short of the government's requirements for mobile phone providers.

BayanTel insisted its debt-to-equity ratio had always met the government's requirements.

BayanTel also disputed the court's findings that it had P114 million in unpaid fees.

Extelcom, despite being a pioneer in mobile communication, has been relegated to last place as it has failed to catch up with advances in the industry.

BayanTel owns 47 percent of Extelcom while Luxembourg-based Millicom International Cellular SA holds 40 percent. Mayon Holdings of the GMA-7 network controls the rest.

Millicom, although controlling less than BayanTel, has retained management control with the support of Mayon Holdings.

BayanTel has pinned its P1.3-billion loss in 1998 to its failed investments in Extelcom. It has stopped pouring money into Extelcom since 1997.

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• HOW TO NOMINATE
The immediate supervisor, his/her co-worker or any private person or organization may nominate a public official/employee.
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Qualifications for nomination to the *Dangal ng Bayan* Award are similar to the qualifications for *Lingkod Bayan* nominations.

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1. Be in the government service at the time of nomination.
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3. Have not been found guilty of any administrative or criminal offense involving moral turpitude nor have any pending case against them at the time of nomination.
4. Be a recognized team/group in the agency (for group nominees).

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The immediate supervisor, co-workers or any private person or organization may nominate an individual or a group. Nominations must be submitted in the prescribed form to the Agency Suggestions and Incentive Awards Committee (SIAC) for evaluation. Department/Agency nominations must be duly signed by the Chairman of the SIAC approved/endorsed by the Head of Office.

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The clock is ticking

ON THE MONEY

John Mangun

THE PROBABILITY of a short-term rally still stays in place after the Holy Week trading. Now, do not get all excited since this rally will, just as probably, be short lived. The target is around 1,570. The same factors that make this short-term upswing likely, also call for more downward action after the rally. I still cannot find any large capitalized companies that show me anything favorable for their stock price over the next several weeks.

I hate to talk about the government but here again the responsibility must be laid on its door. If you remember not too long ago, we were told that political solutions would be greeted favorably by the markets. I cautioned that the administration should not take credit for any increase in stock prices, as it then would have to take the blame for any weakness in prices.

The numbers for the first quarter continue to deteriorate. Investments by both foreigners and locals for the first three months dropped 80 percent from year 2000. That was to be expected. I said back in November that no matter who occupied Malacañang by the end of January 2001, the economy would be in worse shape. I am sorry to see that come true. Projections for economic growth this year are just about worthless. One foreign investment house says expect less than 2 percent growth. Neda still hopes for over 3 percent. What these forecasts tell us is that no one's crystal ball is worth anything right now. There are too many global and domestic uncertainties. Add to that is the fact that the first 100 days of the new administration is rapidly dwindling away. Giving President Macapagal-Arroyo the benefit of the doubt and starting our count from March 1, 2001, the clock-stops ticking on June 15th. This gives time for the elections to be finished but not much time to put a lot that is substantial on the table.

For some, probably psychological, reason, the tone of virtually every new government here and abroad is set in the first three months or so. As I also said before, the markets do not expect anything too concrete except in the way of proposals and vision. If a government is lacking in either, a very rough road follows. I fear we are in that situation right now. I would say that "fundamentally" this market is giving the President the benefit of the doubt for the next 30 days or so, and then the psychological door will be closed. It is unfortunate that local business, which was so adamant about a new politics being the savior of our economy, did little in the way of putting its money where its mouth was since Jan. 20th.

I certainly do not want to be too hard on the current administration but then again they wanted the job. I wrote last week that we all ought to be concerned about what the government will do in the event that regional currencies start a free fall. This week the administration assured everyone that the Bangko Sentral would not intervene to support the peso. That answer is worse than no answer at all.

Only someone naïve about the currency markets would ever propose central bank intervention as a policy for a country and economy like the Philippines. Therefore, to say that it would not be considered as a course of action is almost like saying you definitely would not use gasoline to put out a fire. I hope Malacañang's advisors did not spend a lot of time and effort considering intervention before they dismissed it as foolish. Unfortunately, we have not heard any other proposals that they might be considering. And do you wonder why both investment and the markets are down since Jan. 20th?

Local interest rates have now reached levels that make sense. I would not expect any more reduction regardless of what happens in the US. Real interest rates (the difference between the nominal rate and the rate of inflation) are acceptable given the current economic conditions. Whether or not these levels will spur any increase in borrowing remains to be seen. Previously, I was optimistic that lowered rates would be part of a kick-start of the economy and the stock market in particular. Now I am looking at a glass that seems to be half empty again . . . and maybe with a hole in the bottom.

As a final positive note to an otherwise depressing discussion, there are definitely some good things going on with some of the smaller companies involved in the Internet. I hope that I will be able to discuss these publicly next week. If not, then I will inform you through the e-mail advisory.

Allow me to call your attention to both our e-mail stock market advice list and an affiliated website. Please e-mail me if you would like to be a part of THE LIST. The website that I believe will give you the best information concerning trading on the Philippine Stock Exchange is philstock.findhere.org.

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PCCI head lauds women in business

THE GLOBAL economy has emerged and so have women who are now making waves in business and politics.

Women all over the world have commemorated recently International Women's Day—a yearly tribute to the feminine gender's struggle for equality, justice, empowerment and moving society toward peace and development.

The highly competitive job market has enabled women business leaders to make tough choices and drive growth in an increasingly competitive global marketplace, said Miguel B. Varela, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) president and Employers Confederation of the Philippines chair.

Varela was speaker during the 2nd Asia-Pacific Business Convention and Exhibition and Globalization and Transformative Leadership organized by the Women's Business Council Philippines.

The skills that women naturally have, like listening and cooperating with those around them, are assets for them today, Varela pointed out.

He noted, for instance, that in the present global economy, which is rapidly changing, service-oriented and entrepreneurial women were more accepting of diversity, adaptable

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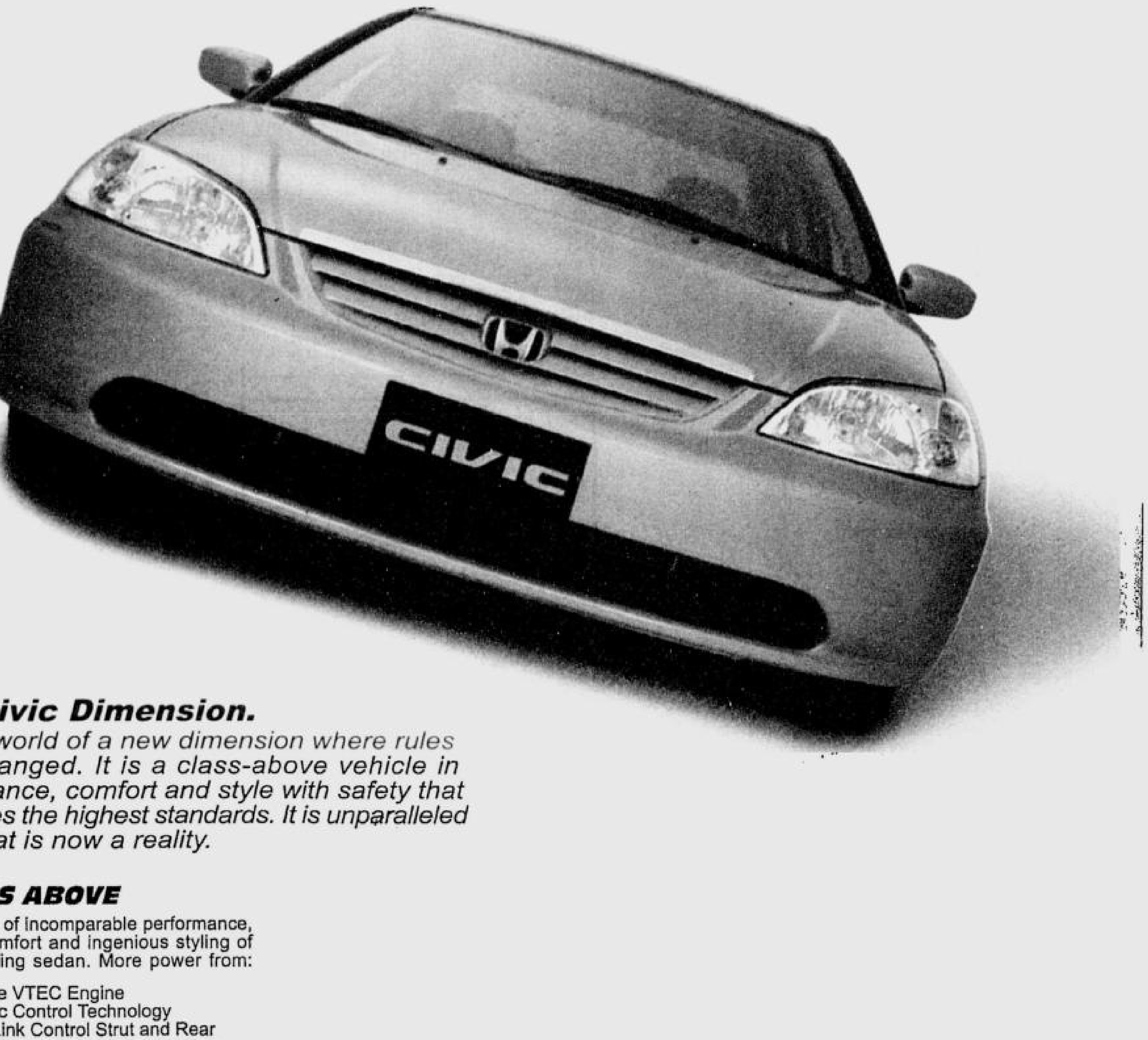

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Lethargic trade seen to persist

By Doris C. Dumlao

MARKET PLAY

LETHARGIC trading is seen to drag on this week as the market continues to be vulnerable to the movement of the US markets.

But traders said that investors who had long been sidelined were slowly looking at good issues to accumulate in anticipation of the seasonal election rally.

The main-share Philippine Stock Exchange composite index closed at 1,445.26 last Wednesday, the last day of the two-day trading week.

KGI Securities vice president for sales Fitzgerald Aclan said the market was still likely to follow the movement of the Dow Jones index. But since there was no major US data expected this week, he said there would be not much volatility to spill over to the local market.

"But still apparent is the lack of interest among investors. So I expect that it will still be a quiet week," Aclan said.

Securities 2000 research head Erwin Tan said this week's trading would still be boring, with only very little volatility.

"So far, the US is showing signs of a technical rebound so we can expect the same for us. There will only be a spillover to the Asian markets," Tan said.

Tan said any rally this week would only be technical-driven as there was no compelling reason to reverse the market slump. He said the next major technical resistance was at 1,500.

On the other hand, Aclan said the main-share index would likely be locked in a tight range, between 1,420 and 1,480. But he said the forthcoming elections might bring some life to the lackluster market, noting that elections have never failed to trigger bargain-hunting activities based on the market's historical performance since the Edsa Revolution of 1986.

For this week, Aclan said blue-chip issues Benpres Holdings Corp., San Miguel Corp. and Philippine Long Distance and Telephone Corp. might attract some buying interest. In the case of Benpres, whose stocks have suffered heavy beating recently amid the financial difficulty of its subsidiary Maynilad Water Services Inc., Aclan said its share price might correct as foreign selling has been subsiding.

Eagle Equities president Joseph Roxas said that seasonally, stock trading was still quiet the week after the Holy Week. But he said there would likely be a rally as the May 14 elections approach, and then a gradual rise by June or July.

"The strategy now is to buy anything that hasn't moved for a while because there's a lot of upside potential," he said.

Among the stocks worth looking at, according to Roxas, were First Philippine Holdings Corp., Metro Pacific Corp. and Empire East Land Inc.

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intervened in the market to prop up a wildly fluctuating peso.

The BSP said it would keep its hands off the market now after the political crisis, which pushed the peso to a historic closing low of 54.79 to $1, has eased.

The recent weakness in the currency, according to the central bank, was caused by regional developments, particularly the weakness of the yen and a slowdown in Japan's economy.

Philippine Stock Exchange

(As of Wednesday, April 11, 2001)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Bank of the Phil. Islands	69.5	69.5	69.5	69.5	50,200
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	46.5	47.5	46.5	47	35,600
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	219	219	212	214	195,760
Philippine National Bank	46.5	46.5	46.5	46.5	59,500
Security Bank Corp.	19	19	18.25	18.5	22,700
Union Bank of the Phil.	29.5	30	29.5	30	72,700
FINANCIAL SERVICE					
Manulife Financial Corp.	1190	1200	1190	1200	1,480
Sun Life Financial Serv.	945	945	945	945	10
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	43	43	39	39	97,300
Diversified Fin. Network	9.6	9.6	9.3	9.3	4,000
Digital Telecom Phils. Inc.	0.49	0.49	0.46	0.46	4,110,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	650	650	650	650	100
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.043	1,200,000
Piltel	0.51	0.51	0.5	0.5	150,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	705	705	695	695	61,270
Philweb.Com Inc.	0.042	0.043	0.041	0.042	63,100,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	42.5	42.5	42	42.5	39,300
Manila Electric Co. B	58	59.5	58	59	415,800
Petron Corp.	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.88	7,383,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	1.12	1.2	1.12	1.16	4,521,000
Keppel Phils. Marine Inc	0.4	0.41	0.35	0.41	700,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36	100,000
Union Cement Corp.	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	40,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Jollibee Foods Corp.	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	9,842,500
La Tondeña Distillers Inc.	30	30	30	30	186,300
RFM Corp.	1.1	1.1	1.06	1.06	395,000
San Miguel Corp. A	46.5	46.5	46.5	46.5	10,000
San Miguel Corp. B	50.5	50.5	50	50	67,200
Vitarich Corp.	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	100,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Abacus Con Res & Hdg A	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	80,000
Ayala Corp.	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	189,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	1.32	1.32	1.28	1.3	2,234,000
Alliance Global Group Inc.	12.5	12.5	12	12.25	1,800
APC Group Inc.	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	200,000
ATN Holdings Inc.	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.5	205,000
Balabac Resources & Hldgs.	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	80,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	1.74	1.82	1.7	1.72	10,421,000
Southeast Asian Cement	0.3	0.31	0.3	0.31	40,000
Ebecom Holdings Inc.	0.0725	0.115	0.0725	0.115	100,000
Ever-Gotesco Resources	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.04	600,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	1.12	1.14	1.08	1.08	708,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	23.25	23.25	23.25	23.25	57,600
Global Equities Inc.	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	1,790,000
Ionics Inc.	11	11	11	11	24,400
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc,	2.02	2.02	1.94	1.94	1,582,000
Megaworld Corp.	0.71	0.72	0.71	0.72	910,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.48	0.49	0.48	0.49	1,670,000
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.3	0.3	0.29	0.29	650,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Picop Resources Inc.	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	200,000
Central Azucar Don Pedro	0.89	0.89	0.87	0.87	510,000
SPI Technologies Inc.	12	12	12	12	12,000
Steniel Manufacturing	0.6	0.6	0.55	0.55	100,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICE					
Belle Corp.	0.4	0.44	0.4	0.43	4,370,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51	70,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51	460,000
Philippine Racing Club	4	4	4	4	10,000,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr)	42.5	42.5	39	39.5	849,400
Equitable PCI Bank-War	3.65	3.65	3.65	3.65	130,000
Jollibee Warrants	12	12.25	12	12.25	505,300
Omico Corp. Warrant	0.0028	0.0028	0.0028	0.0028	41,000,000
PLDT (10% Pref) Series Z	10.25	10.5	10.25	10.5	5,400
Waterfront Phils-Warrant	0.014	0.014	0.01	0.01	2,400,000
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	5.7	5.8	5.6	5.6	1,697,000
C & P Homes Inc.	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	760,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.36	0.36	0.33	0.34	2,310,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	910,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	2.2	2.24	2.18	2.18	5,473,000
SM Development Corp.	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	160,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	6.8	6.8	6.6	6.6	3,363,000
MINING					
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co. A	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	260,000
Omico Corp.	0.0036	0.0038	0.0036	0.0038	20,000,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	700,000
OIL					
Interport Res. B	0.0042	0.0042	0.0042	0.0042	4,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. B	0.0044	0.0048	0.0044	0.0048	14,000,000
The Philodrill Corp. B	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	10,000
Pacifica	0.015	0.015	0.015	0.015	1,400,000
Sinophil Corp.	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	100,000
South China Resources Inc.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	30,000
Vulcan Ind'l	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	120,000

	SHARES	VALUE (P)
Banks & Fin Svc	437,950	53,911,245.00
Comm'l & Ind'l	174,677,670	344,960,250.00
PRO	14,673,000	45,670,100.00
Mining	20,960,000	248,600.00
OIL	19,660,000	137,600.00
GRAND TOTALS:	230,408,620	444,927,795.00

AVERAGES		
Banks & Fin Svc	593.87	UP 0.97
Comm'l & Ind'l	1,960.97	DOWN 13.40
PRO	557.64	DOWN 15.16
Mining	1,079.34	DOWN 11.87
OIL	1.60	UP 0.10
All Shares Index	723.41	UP 7.51
Composite	1,445.26	DOWN 14.23

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United States	Dollar	1.125619	1.000000	50.0170
Japan	Yen	0.009057	0.008046	0.4024
United Kingdom	Pound	1.611211	1.431400	71.5943
Hong Kong	Dollar	0.144319	0.128213	6.4128
Switzerland	Franc	0.655191	0.582072	29.1135
Canada	Dollar	0.724057	0.643252	32.1735
Singapore	Dollar	0.621545	0.552181	27.6184
Australia	Dollar	0.557072	0.494903	24.7536
Bahrain	Dinar	2.985886	2.652661	132.6781
Kuwait	Dinar	N/A	N/A	N/A
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Brunei	Dollar	0.618574	0.549541	27.4864
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000106	0.000094	0.0047
Thailand	Baht	0.024712	0.021954	1.0981
UAE	Dirham	0.306466	0.272264	13.6178
Korea	Won	0.000845	0.000751	0.0376
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France	Franc	0.152450	0.135436	6.7741
Netherlands	Guilder	0.453780	0.403138	20.1638
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Italy	Lire	0.000517.	0.000459	0.0230
Finland	Markka	0.168188	0.149418	7.4734
Portugal	Escudo	0.004988	0.004431	0.2216
Spain	Peseta	0.006010	0.005339	0.2670
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3	CALATAGAN GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB "A"	110,000.00	-
4	CAPITOL HILLS GOLF CLUB	-	120,000.00
5	CAMP JOHN HAY GOLF CLUB-	500,000.00	-
6	CELEBRITY SPORTS CLUB	230,000.00	-
7	COUNTRY CLUB AT TAGAYTAY HIGHLANDS	500,000.00	450,000.00
8	EAGLERIDGE GOLF CLUB "A"	-	350,000.00
9	MAKATI SPORTS CLUB "A"	450,000.00	-
10	MANILA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB (Individual)	18,000,000.00	-
11	MANILA POLO CLUB	3,800,000.00	-
12	MANILA SOUTHWOODS GOLF CLUB "A"	-	800,000.00
13	MONTEMAR BEACH CLUB (Individual)	30,000.00	-
14	MONTEMAR BEACH CLUB (Corporate)	50,000.00	
15	ORCHARD GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB "B"	600,000.00	-
16	PUERTO AZUL BEACH CLUB	-	130,000.00
17	PHIL. COLUMBIAN ASSOCIATION	95,000.00	-
18	QUEZON CITY SPORTS CLUB	250,000.00	240,000.00
19	STA. ELENA GOLF CLUB "A"	-	2,100,000.00
20	SHERWOOD HILLS "B"	350,000.00	-
21	TAGAYTAY MIDLANDS GOLF CLUB	870,000.00	-
22	VALLE VERDE COUNTRY CLUB (Individual)	-	175,000.00
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Calatagan Golf Club "A"	85,000	110,000
Calatagan Golf Club "B"	-	160,000
Camp John Hay	-	375,000
Canlubang	850,000	1,000,000
Canyonwoods	-	350,000
Capitol Hills	125,000	140,000
Cebu Country Club	2,000,000	2,200,000
Celebrity Sports Club	200,000	220,000
Club Filipino		300,000
Eagle Ridge "A"/"B"/"C"	Please Call	Please Call
Eastridge "A"	-	200,000
Evercrest "A"	110,000	130,000
Forest Hills "A"	240,000	265,000
Forest Hills "B"		280,000
Forest Hills "C"	-	450,000
Makati Sports Club "A"	400,000	425,000
Makati Sports Club "B"		500,000
Manila Golf (Corporate)	16,000,000	18,000,000
Manila Golf (Individual)	14,000,000	14,500,000
Manila Polo	3,500,000	-
Manila Southwoods "A"	800,000	850,000
Manila Southwoods "B"	900,000	1,000,000
Metropolitan Club "B"		230,000
Mimosa Golf & Country Club (Ind./Corp.)	Please Call	Please Call
Montemar (Corp.)	-	65,000
Montemar (Ind.)		40,000
Mt. Malarayat	-	400,000
Orchard Golf Club "A"	310,000	350,000
Orchard Golf Club "B"	380,000	400,000
Orchard Golf Club "C"	550,000	650,000
Philippine Columbian	-	85,000
Pueblo de Oro "A"/"B"/"C"	-	Please Call
Puerto Azul	150,000	170,000
Quezon City Sports Club	230,000	250,000
Riviera Golf & Country Club "A"/"B"/"C"	Please Call	Please Call
Royale Tagaytay "A/B/C"	Please Call	Please Call
Sherwood Hills "A"	-	250,000
Sta. Elena "A"	-	2,100,000
Sta. Elena "B"	2,200,000	-
Subic Bay Yacht (Corp.)	400,000	650,000
Subic Bay Yacht (Ind.)	-	350,000
Tagaytay Country Club	430,000	490,000
Tagaytay Highlands	1,100,000	-
Tagaytay Midlands	-	880,000
Valle Verde (Ind)	200,000	220,000
Valley Golf	350,000	-
Wack-Wack Golf Club	9,700,000	-

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Alabang "A"	40,000	Mimosa Golf	20,000
Calatagan "A"	15,000	Orchard "A"	20,000
Canlubang	70,000	Riviera "A"	15,000
Eagleridge	30,000	Sta. Elena	70,000
Eastridge "A"	20,000	Tagaytay CC	30,000
Forest Hills	30,000	Tagaytay Golf	65,000
Manila Southwoods	50,000	Tivoli Royale	20,000
Makati Sports "A"	35,000	Valley Golf	20,000
Manila Golf	500,000	Wack-Wack	90,000

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CLUB FILIPINO	340.000	EAGLERIDGE "A"	300.000
EAGLERIDGE "B"	550.000	MANILA GOLF (CORP.)	16.250.000
EASTRIDGE "B"	Please call	MANILA POLO CLUB	3,200.000
EVERCREST "A"	190.000	MANILA SOUTHWOODS "A"	850.000
FONTANA "C"	160.000	METROPOLITAN CLUB "A"	150.000
LUISITA GCC "A"	620.000	ORCHARD "A"	290.000
MAKATI SPORTS CLUB "A"	430.000	QUEZON CITY SPORTS "A"	225.000
MANILA GOLF (INDIV.)	15.500.000	RIVIERA "A"	250.000
MT. MALARAYAT "A"/"C"	50M/1.1M	STA. ELENA "B"	2,200.000
ORCHARD "B"/"C"	.80M/.65M	TAGAYTAY MIDLANDS	850.000
TAGAYTAY HIGHLANDS GOLF	1,150 000	VALLE VERDE	170.000
TAGAYTAY MIDLANDS	975 000	WACK WACK GOLF	10 000 000

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ALABANG CC "A"	30 000	STA. ELENA "A"	80.000
EAGLE RIDGE	10.000	TAGAYTAY GOLF	65.000
MANILA GOLF (ASSIGNEE)	500.000/yr.	TAGAYTAY MIDLANDS	40.000
MANILA SOUTHWOODS "A"	50 000	WACK WACK	100 000

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Celebrity	210 000	Calatagan A	70 000
Club Filipino	320 000	Camp John Hay Golf	340 000
Eagle Ridge A	450 000	Capitol Hills	130 000
Eagle Ridge C	570 000	Celebrity	200 000
Eastridge	370 000	Club Filipino	280 000
Fontana	Please call	Eagle Ridge A	450 000
Forest Hill "A" & B	260 000	Evercrest	110 000
Manila Golf (Indiv.)	14.5M	Forest Hill "A" & B	260 000
Manila Southwoods "A"	845 000	Forest Hills "C"	370 000
Makati Sports "A"	430 000	Manila Golf (Indiv.)	14.5M
Makati Sports "B"	450 000	Manila Polo	3.8M
Mimosa	450 000	Manila Southwoods "A"	830 000
Orchard "A"	320 000	Manila Southwoods "B"	1M
Quezon City Sports	225 000	Makati Sports "A"	400 000
Riviera "A"	240 000	Makati Sports "B"	450 000
Royale Tagaytay	Please call	Mimosa	400 000
Pueblo de Oro	380 000	Orchard "C"	600 000
Sta. Elena A	2.1M	Puerto Azul	160 000
Punta Fuego	700.000	Quezon City Sports	225 000
Subic	Please call	Riviera "A"	260 000
Tagaytay Midland	860 000	Sta. Elena A	2M
Tagaytay Highland Club	480 000	Punta Fuego	Please call
Tagaytay Highland Golf	1 100 000	Tagaytay Midland	860 000
Valle Golf	350 000	Tagaytay Highland Club	480 000
Wack Wack	10.5M	Tagaytay Highland Golf	1,100 000
BUYING:		Valle Verde CC	190 000
Alabang A	2 000 000	Valley Golf	350 000
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Camp John Hay	320,000	350,000
Capitol Hills Golf & CC	130,000	-
Canyon Woods	-	350 000
Celebrity Sports	200,000	210 000
Club Filipino "C"	-	Please Call
Eagleridge "A"	450 000	-
Eagleridge "B"	Please Call	-
Evercrest golf club "A"	110,000	150 000
Fontana "D"	50,000	90 000
Makati Sports Club, Inc.	-	450 000
Manila Golf (indv.)	-	14,500,000
Manila Polo	3,800,000	-
Manila Southwoods "A"	850 000	900,000
Manila Southwoods "B"	1,000 000	-
Mt. Malarayat "A"	400 000	500 000
Mt. Malarayat "Gold B"	450 000	550 000
Phil. Columbian	Please Call	90 000
Pueblo de Oro	-	380 000
Punta Fuego	Please Call	700 000
Quezon City Sports Club	200 000	225,000
Riviera Golf	250 000	-
Royale Tagaytay	Please Call	130 000
Sherwoods "B"	-	300 000
Subic Bay Yacht Club	-	400 000
Tagaytay Country Club	Please Call	500 000
Tagaytay Highlands Golf & CC	-	1,300,000
Tagaytay Midlands	880 000	-
Wack-Wack	9 600 000	10,500,000

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Alabang Country Club	45.000	Riviera	40 000
Forest Hills	20.000	Tagaytay Highlands	60 000
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Sen. Gil Puyat - Jupiter Exchange 35,037 sq.m.

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2	ALABANG COUNTRY CLUB "B"		1,900 000
3	BAGUIO COUNTRY CLUB	850.000	750 000
4	CALATAGAN GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB "A"	150 000	100 000
5	CAMP JOHN HAY	400.000	320 000
6	CANLUBANG GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB		850 000
7	CAPITOL HILLS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB		125 000
8	CELEBRITY CLUB	210 000	200 000
9	COUNTRY CLUB AT TAGAYTAY HIGHLANDS	480 000	
10	CLUB FILIPINO	330 000	300.000
11	EASTRIDGE GOLF CLUB "A"	250.000	220 000
12	EAGLERIDGE GOLF CLUB "A"		400 000
13	EVERCREST GOLF CLUB "A"	130.000	100.000
14	FAIRWAYS & BLUEWATER	Pls Call	Pls Call
15	FOREST HILLS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB "A"	300 000	260,000
16	FOREST HILLS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB "B"	550 000	
17	FOREST HILLS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB "C"	600.000	
18	MAKATI SPORTS CLUB "A"	450.000	400.000
19	MAKATI SPORTS CLUB "B"	500.000	450,000
20	MANILA GOLF CLUB (IND)	15,500.000	
21	MANILA POLO CLUB		3,500,000
22	MANILA SOUTHWOODS GOLF CLUB "A"	850.000	
23	MANILA SOUTHWOODS GOLF CLUB "B"	1,000 000	900.000
24	MANILA YACHT CLUB	650 000	
25	METROPOLITAN CLUB "A"	180 000	
26	METROPOLITAN CLUB "B"	200.000	
27	MT MALARAYAT GOLF CLUB (IND)	500.000	400.000
28	ORCHARD GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB "A"	Pls Call	280 000
29	ORCHARD GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB "B"	Pls Call	400.000
30	ORCHARD GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB "C"	Pls. Call	600 000
31	PUERTO AZUL BEACH CLUB "B"		130,000
32	QUEZON CITY SPORTS CLUB	240 000	
33	RIVIERA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB "A"	290 000	
34	RIVIERA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB "C"	600 000	500.000
35	ROYAL NORTHWOODS	Pls Call	Pls Call
36	STA. ELENA GOLF CLUB "A"	2,200 000	1,900.000
37	SUBIC BAY YACHT CLUB (IND)	500,000	
38	TAGAYTAY HIGHLANDS INT'L GOLF CLUB		1,100,000
39	TAGAYTAY MIDLAND	900,000	
40	VALLE VERDE COUNTRY CLUB		175,000
41	VALLEY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB	350,000	
42	WACK WACK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB		9,500,000

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Decisive gov't actions seen needed to evade traps along road to recovery

PROSPECTS for the economy to move forward this year have improved following a not so smooth transfer of political power, but booby traps abound along the road to recovery. Decisive and preemptive actions are needed to evade falling into harder times.

The warning has been issued by the economic think tank Institute of Development and Economic Analysis (IDEA) during an economic briefing it made to key staffers of several business organizations at the Board of Investment last week. IDEA is headed by former economic chief and UP Prof. Cayetano Paderanga.

Blunders or inaction along the way can mean hard times and growing unemployment will descend on the country for another three years.

If the fragile situation is handled well enough, the gross national product (GNP) is seen to grow at a low of 3.5 percent to a high of 4.3 percent this year. This may improve to a low growth rate of 3.9 percent or a more optimistic 4.7 percent next year, Idea has projected. GNP measures the total value of goods that gets produced in the country in a year including dollar remittances from Filipinos, loans and grants from abroad.

IDEA has forecast gross domestic product (GDP), the more accurate measurement of the value of goods and services produced in a country in a given year, will grow between 3.3 and 4 percent this year and range between 3.6 and 4.5 percent next year.

The think tank group qualified that the growth scenario requires that some economic fundamentals would improve, such as the reining in of inflation, a stable exchange rate and a low interest rate regime; public and business confidence in the government returns, policy reforms are put in place and the risks posed by a slowing down world economy are evaded.

Paderanga's team of economists identified four segments of the economy that it expected to churn up the growth uptick. These included private investments and increased production of manufactured goods, privately revved up construction, tourism and new foreign investments.

"Foreign investments will come in only if governance, which suffered a severe blow during the past administration, gets improved under the new one," IDEA asserted. Tourism, on the other hand, is a rich source of dollar earnings that only needs more aggressive promotion.

The peso's rebound from its lowest of 55 to the dollar last November to a few centavos over 47 to the dollar showed new confidence in the handling of the economy. IDEA, however, surmised that inflation was bound to rise this year as a result of election campaign spending and a drought induced by the El Niño phenomenon that is expected to hit the country in the second half of this year.

IDEA said it hoped that the new administration has the will to make good its promise to build good governance and other institutional reforms, restore macroeconomic stability, pursue rural development and agrarian reform, strengthen the industrial base and adopt a comprehensive human development program.

Investors, it said, were awaiting the passage into law of the power sector reform bill and a new central bank act that will amend the bank secrecy law to prevent the laundering of stolen money.

In the international scene, IDEA said it believed that the lingering recession in Japan, the slowdown of the economies of the European Union and the United States, plus the worldwide slackening of demand for electronics products in the world market, plus rising oil prices were bound to put a brake to the growth of Philippine exports.

PCCI head lauds women in business

(From page B5)

to change, and comfortable with ambiguity—the actual traits that the new economy requires. Men, on the other hand, have been found to be more linear and concerned with control.

A review of available literature reveals that businesswomen today possess the skills and certain innate qualities that make them effective business leaders. These include the ability to reinvent the rules, use of human touch in an era of high technology, and a passion for understanding customer references.

Varela also cited that many successful businesswomen around the globe differ from the men around them in how they view power. "Many of them see leadership as a collaborative skill where they are able to elicit the best ideas from employees to move the company forward. They are not interested in using their authority over others or issuing directives," he said.

A look at present trends in the United States revealed that the number of women moving into small and mid-size businesses had surpassed the number of men doing the same. Women-owned companies, on the other hand, now employ 35 percent more people than the Fortune 500 companies combined.

Varela also zeroed in on women entrepreneurs who have been observed to have a lower failure rate than men in starting new businesses. It has been observed and validated that "men think about what products will sell, while women think about what customers really want."

Varela emphasized that women in technology were considered effective and successful in dealing with the opportunities available in this young, aggressive industry. Recent surveys in the United States highlighted the significant number of top management positions held by women in information technology. This is a definitive indicator that women have arrived in information systems and that a host of opportunities do exist.

According to Varela: "An alternative model has since emerged, and presents a new set of attributes such as the capacity to empower and service others, cooperation, consultation, sharing, and consensus-building."

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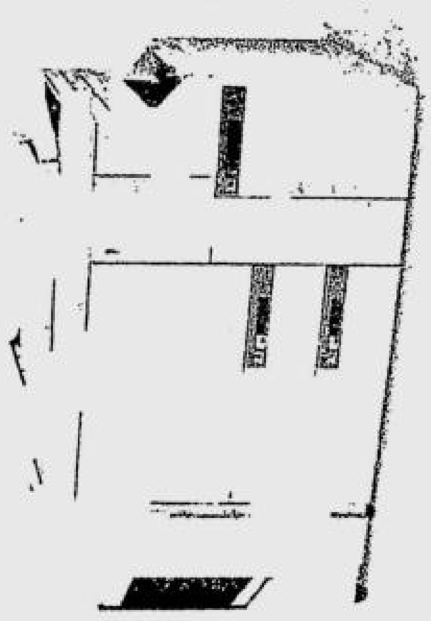

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UHI debt-to-asset swap deals with creditors OKd

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Commission has allowed cash-strapped retailer Uniwide Holdings Inc. to enter into P1.59 billion worth of debt-to-asset swap deals with some of its creditor-banks.

This forms part of the company's rehabilitation program, which was stalled when Casino Guichard-Perrachon of France backed out of a deal to invest in and take over UHI.

In an order dated April 5, the SEC gave UHI the go-ahead signal to enter into dacion en pago arrangements separately with creditors such as United Coconut Planters Bank, International Exchange Bank and Metropolitan Bank and Trust Co. to reduce its debt burden from P9.62 billion to P8.03 billion.

The SEC approved UHI's petition despite the opposition lodged by at least six other creditors, namely: Universal Robina Corp., Nestle Philippines Inc., Hidden Spring & Perrier Inc., LG Collins Electronics Manila Inc., Asian Electronics Corp. and Bank of the Philippine Islands. Of these, only BPI is a secured creditor of UHI.

But the SEC explained that the partial implementation of the plan was for the best interest of the retailer's creditors, especially the unsecured creditors, as the debt reduction scheme would make the ongoing business more attractive to new investors.

"The plan is already in the implementation stage and the preference for payment is no longer an issue. In the implementation of the plan, some creditors will get paid ahead of the others, depending on a payment scheme provided in the plan. However, this is not tantamount to a preference of payments as the end-result in implementing the plan is the payment of all the creditors of petitioners in accordance with the provisions of the plan," the SEC said in its order.

The SEC also said the settlement of Uniwide's debts to UCPB, Metrobank and iBank would release some of the company's mortgaged properties.

Of the 1,938 creditors of UHI—of which 1,970 are unsecured and only 13 are secured—only five unsecured creditors and one secured creditor opposed the partial implementation of the rehabilitation plan.

"It is therefore clear that the majority of the creditors, both secured and unsecured, of the petitioners have no objections, either implicitly or expressly, to the above-mentioned motions for the partial implementation of the plan," it added.

"BPI will not be affected by the said partial implementation of the plan because it is a secured creditor and in the event that the plan is determined to be not feasible, it will just foreclose the properties mortgaged to it," it noted.

The SEC noted that the implementation of the dacion en pago scheme with the three banks was consistent with the rehabilitation plan and was not in violation of the prohibition on preference of payments.

In June 1999, the Uniwide group filed for the suspension of debt payments with the SEC as its real estate business went sour. The company's situation was aggravated by the economic slowdown brought about by the 1997 Asian financial crisis.

NTC goes easy on firms failing to meet phone rollout schedule

By Anthony O. Alcantara

THE NATIONAL Telecommunications Commission has decided against imposing penalties on phone companies that failed to complete their telephone rollout obligations due to poor subscriber base.

NTC Commissioner Eliseo M. Rio Jr. said the NTC has decided to relax its position on the implementation of the rollout requirement since the country has already been experiencing excess phone lines in many areas.

"We are also considering their (telephone companies) concerns and we intend to let them come up with alternative measures of completing their rollout commitments," said Rio.

The implementing rules and regulations of Executive Order 109 require local exchange carriers or fixed line companies to install at least 300,000 phone lines in their respective service areas.

Cellular phone companies are required to install 400,000 lines in their service areas. For those offering both fixed line and cellular phone service, they are mandated to install at least 700,000 lines within a three-year period.

Companies that failed to meet their commitments face either the forfeiture of their bonds or cancellation of their licenses to operate.

Last year, Rio said a number of companies failed to install the required number of telephone lines. These companies, he said, should present alternative measures to make up for their deficiency.

The NTC is planning to come up with new rules that will guide interconnection arrangements between phone companies with an end in view of bringing down costs for interconnection.

"We are now preparing the new IRR (implementing rules and regulations) for interconnection. It will present a shift from a cost-based approach to wholesale pricing," said Rio.

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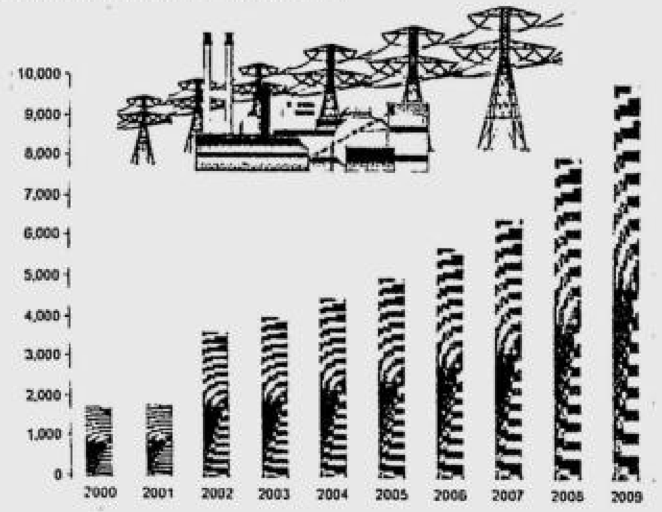

Source: Department of Energy's "Philippine Energy Plan"

Electricity demand for 2000 hit 46,262 Gwh. It is projected to grow yearly by 8.9 percent until 2009. To meet the growing demand, the Department of Energy laid out a plan to install a total of 9,875 megawatts of new generating capacity by 2009. Of the total capacity, 76 percent or 7,515 megawatts will come from power plants in Luzon.

Maricar D. Tolosa, PDI Research

Another reason for recalling GSIS chief's appointment

QUESTIONS OF POLICIES

Honesto C. General

IN two previous columns, I wrote that the appointment of Winston Garcia as president and general manager of the Government Service Insurance System was illegal. The President should recall the appointment. She should correct the mistake and be done with it.

The GSIS Act of 1997 says that the GSIS president and general manager "shall be a person with management and investment expertise necessary for the effective performance of his duties and functions under this Act." Garcia's educational attainment and work experience clearly disqualify him for the job.

Recently, he proved beyond all doubt his monumental ineptitude in the field of investment. Over national television, he announced that GSIS had earmarked P5 billion to be invested in Initial Public Offerings (IPOs). He said that the plan was not only to invest but also to prop up the local stock market.

The media event was preceded by full-page ads in Manila broadsheets proclaiming the financial strength of GSIS with certain figures. None of the figures was certified. For cynical insurance professionals like myself, only an actuarial valuation will suffice. At any rate, I do not recall any similar media blitz in the long years I have known GSIS. Pension funds do not advertise.

The GSIS law sets out in great detail the 11 areas where funds are to be invested. Investing in IPOs is not one of the areas. Perhaps, Garcia is relying on Section 1.5.3.2(9), which allows "investment in equity of any establishment firm or entity, either fully or partially owned." But GSIS pension and insurance funds are never used as risk or venture capital. There are other government financial institutions that provide risk or venture capital.

Another provision in the law allows GSIS to invest "in stocks for trading, whether common or preferred, of any solvent corporation or financial institutions with proven track record of profitability over the last three years and payment of dividends at least once over the same period." This is in line with the age-old principle that insurance and pension funds are held in trust by the insurance company on behalf of the insured and should therefore be invested in the most prudent way.

Also, it is not the job of the GSIS to prop up a sagging stock market. The GSIS is for members, not for stockbrokers.

Trumpeting publicly, on national television no less, the plan to set up a P5-billion fund for IPOs betrays Garcia's naivete. An investment manager never telegraphs his punches when he wants to play the stock market. A large institutional investor like the GSIS should give its instructions to the stockbroker in some dark alley, away from the glare of the trading floor. Otherwise, you roil the marker. The sharks in the stock market will smell blood and there will be a feeding frenzy. And all stock prices soar to high heavens.

Finally, Garcia will have the Insurance Commission to contend with. The GSIS law of 1997 places GSIS under the eagle-eyed auditors of the Insurance Commission. Has the Commission approve his IPO plan?

For the sake of 17 million government employees, the President should recall Garcia's appointment before he gambles away the member's money. Garcia has placed GSIS in a position where the GSIS will wind up buying IPO shares high and selling them low, at a great loss to members. But then, what does he care? It's not his money.

Globe Telecom invests $16M in new technology

GLOBE Telecom has invested $16 million in a new technology called general packet radio service in order to offer faster and cheaper mobile Internet access through the use of special mobile phone handsets.

Globe president Gerardo C. Ablaza Jr. said in an interview that the company aimed to maintain its status as a dominant player in wireless communications by offering revolutionary services.

"We want to make sure that GPRS will work and that it will be accepted by our subscribers," he said.

GPRS is a technology that allows high-speed data transmission of up to 115 kilobits per second, or more than twice the speed of conventional dial-up modems.

Because GPRS transmits data through packets, subscribers will be hooked to the Internet all the time and that they will be charged based on the data they will receive instead of the traditional airtime rates.

The technology will enable Globe to offer much more competitive rates.

Although Globe's network is already GPRS-ready, the lack of commercial and widespread availability of handsets has prevented the company from offering this service on a full scale.

Recently, Globe announced that it has offered GPRS to an initial batch of Globe Handyphone mobile phone subscribers.

"In offering GPRS to its initial batch of Globe Handyphone subscribers, Globe provided the qualified subscribers with a limited number of GPRS-ready Ericsson R520 handsets and briefed them about the nature and advantages of the new service," said Globe in a statement.

Early last month, Globe's main rival Smart Communications Inc. also launched its GPRS service.

Globe said its GPRS service was already available in specific areas such as Makati, Ortigas, Manila and Metro Cebu.

The company's business centers in Metro Manila are now equipped to answer queries and concerns regarding GPRS. There will also be free demonstrations at the Globe Telecom Plaza Business Center along Pioneer in Mandaluyong City for all interested subscribers.

Globe plans to offer GPRS applications such as Internet/Intranet connectivity; internal e-mail, corporate e-mail, chat, textual and visual information, and moving messages. *Anthony O. Alcantara*

GOINGS-ON

Cocolife hits ₱1-B mark

UNITED Coconut Planters Life Assurance Corp. joins the elite circle of life insurance companies that have broken the P1-billion mark in total premium.

Cocolife posted P1,000,168,000 in total premium for the year 2000. This represents a 26-percent increase over the 1999 figure. New business income accounts for more than P300 million of this premium figure.

Cocolife president and CEO Fred Tumacder attributed the company's performance to the concerted effort of the company's group marketing division, individual marketing division, the health care department, bancassurance department, and the coconut farmers insurance.

The Group Life held on to its premier position in the corporate market segment, closing more than 200 major accounts for the year 2000. The group accident and health unit surpassed its target premium when its affiliates, SMC & UCPB, transferred their employees' HMO benefits to Cocolife.

BayanTrade's e-payment

BAYANTRADE has announced that its BayanTrade Financial Services Gateway facility for e-payment was undergoing testing and would be available in May. The facility will offer three gateway options to be provided by Citibank, Bank of the Philippine Islands and Union Bank but will allow buyers and sellers to utilize their existing banks for immediate e-payment.

BayanTrade plans to eventually offer additional financial services to buyers and sellers, including foreign exchange transactions and insurance brokerage.

Four banks associated with BayanTrade's founding consortium assisted the Philippines' dominant e-marketplace in the final testing and evaluation of the Citibank facility. "Local banks have to be comfortable with the gateway business model, structure and process," said chief technology officer Dante Briones in explaining the banks' involvement. Two of those banks, BPI and Union Bank, decided during testing to offer their own gateways as well.

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ASSETS		Amount
Cash and Cash Items	P	5,873,012.40
Due from Central Bank		4,224,644,078.84
Due from Other Banks		2,281,353,948.26
Investments in Bonds and Other Debt Instruments (Net)		902,116,110.78
Loans, Discounts & Advances (Net)		3,538,918,617.24
Equity Investments (Net)		2,579,850.00
Due from Head Office/Branches/Agencies Abroad		2,391,046,642.71
Bank Premises, Furnitures, Fixtures & Equipments (Net)		9,783,060.53
Other Assets (Net) Others		346,476,879.32
TOTAL ASSETS	P	13,702,792,200.17
LIABILITIES		
Demand Deposits	P	192,858,581.22
Savings Deposits		1,082,549,212.51
Time Deposits		2,337,332,534.83
Special/Other Deposits		4,553,038.06
Due to Central Bank		2,899,608.79
Due to Head Office/Branches/Agencies Abroad		8,511,947,408.51
Outstanding Checks/Payment Orders		1,327,651.55
Bills Payable Interbank Borrowings		600,000,000.00
Others		280,772,268.06
Unearned Income and Other Deferred Credits		522,889.66
Other Liabilities		356,697,691.90
TOTAL LIABILITIES	P	13,371,460,885.09
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		Amount
Assigned Capital	P	250,340,141.00
Other Capital Accounts		80,991,174.08
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	P	331,331,315.08
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	P	13,702,792,200.17
CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS		
Unused Commercial Letters of Credit	P	517,678,909.63
Spot/Future Exchange Bought		2,542,016,698.52
Spot/Future Exchange Sold		2,524,975,421.16
Other Contingent Accounts		1,457,034,412.65
TOTAL CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS	P	7,041,705,441.96

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CONDITION
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As At 30 September 2000
In AUD Millions

Capital	5,402
Surplus	4,405
Profits	3,607
Total Deposits	100,602
Total Resources	172,467

Other Information

1	Deposits of:			
	a. Government			nil
	b. Banks			2,222,794.29
	c. Trust Department			nil
2.	Compliance with Magna Carta Law:			
	Prescribed Ratio	6% Small Ent.	2% Medium Ent.	
	Actual Compliance	101%	236%	
3.	Amount of Non-Performing Loans			173,161,020.35
4.	Ratio of Non-Performing loans to total loan portfolio			4.89%
5.	Amount of classified loans and other risk assets			184,311,000.00
6.	General Provision for Loan Losses			39,967,000.00
7.	Specific Provision for Loan Losses			98,851,000.00
8.	Return on Equity (ROE) - Based on Assigned Capital			64.70%
	Return on Equity (ROE) - Based on Shareholder's Equity			26.55%
	Return on Equity (ROE) - Inclusive of Net Due to HO			12.94%
9.	Amount of DOSRI loans/advances			2,287,321.92
10.	Ratio of DOSRI loans/adv to total loans/advances			0.06%
11.	Amount of Past Due DOSRI loans/advances			nil
12.	Ratio of Past Due DOSRI loans/adv to total loan portfolio			nil
13.	"Net Due to Head Office/Branches/Agencies Abroad" forms part of capital of Philippine Branch of foreign bank			8,120,900,765.80

*Amended to conform with Circular No. 208 dated August 17, 1999 and Memorandum to All Banks dated November 29, 1999.

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TDG'S LOGISTICS CENTER

Transnational Diversified Group chair and CEO Jose Roberto Delgado welcomes Emery Worldwide division manager for South Pacific Philip Walker during the launch of TDG's Logistics Center, the first phase of its investments in logistics services, along Airport Access Road in Parañaque City. The 1,000-square-meter Logistics Center will serve as an ideal transit and storage facility for TDG clients in electronics, automotive, computer, apparel and consumer products sectors. With Delgado and Walker is IBM Phils. president Ramon Dimacali.

UBS affiliate to acquire 16.96% of Banco de Oro

By Clarissa S. Batino

A MUTUAL fund affiliated with Union Bank of Switzerland is planning to invest $50 million in Banco de Oro for a 16.96-percent stake in the bank controlled by retail tycoon Henry Sy.

Cambridge Pacific Fund Ltd.'s planned investment of $50 million is expected to increase Banco de Oro's total capital to P12 billion, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas said. The Monetary Board has approved in principle the proposed investment in Banco de Oro.

Banco de Oro, a universal bank with 108 branches, aims to undertake an initial public offering within the year. The bank had planned to list as early as 1999 but the plan was deferred due to poor market conditions.

Cambridge, registered in Cayman Islands, is a mutual fund that invests in companies in Southeast Asia. The fund is managed by Union Bank of Switzerland.

The BSP said Cambridge's acquisition of a stake in Banco de Oro would increase the bank's foreign-owned voting stock to 29.96 percent. Hong Kong-based Dao Heng Bank had acquired a 13-percent stake in Banco de Oro through a share-swap deal.

As of the fourth quarter last year, Banco de Oro was the country's 13th largest bank with assets of P63 billion and deposit base of P48.71 billion.

"The proposed investment, as well as the public offering of shares, will increase the bank's total capital to P12 billion before yearend," said the BSP in a statement.

As a passive investor, banking analysts believe that Cambridge Fund will take advantage of the upcoming IPO to make some profits.

Dao Heng's stake in Banco de Oro was acquired through a combination of an outright cash purchase and a share-swap arrangement. The Dao Heng group, will convert its 60-percent holdings in Dao Heng Phils. into a 13-percent equity into Banco de Oro. Its remaining 40-percent stake in Dao Heng Phils. will be sold to pay off the company's debts.

Banco de Oro believes it will benefit from Dao Heng's experience in consumer banking.

PDIC collects ₱1.5B worth of Urban Bank receivables

THE PHILIPPINE Deposit Insurance Corp. has collected P1.5 billion worth of Urban Bank Inc.'s receivables. The amount will be turned over to the group that will be chosen by PDIC to take over the bank on or before April 26.

PDIC president Norberto Nazareno said whoever wins the bidding for the rehabilitation of Urban Bank would get the money. "The amount can be used to settle some of the claims against the bank," he said.

Today is the deadline for the submission of rehabilitation proposals for Urban Bank. Nazareno said the PDIC-appointed auditor KPMG would accept proposals/bids until 7 p.m. today at the Laya Mananghaya office, Philamlife Tower in Makati.

Nazareno said PDIC was willing to extend financial assistance to a group of small depositors and creditors which has been planning to put up a consortium that will bid for Urban Bank and its affiliate Urbancorp Investment Inc.

Several small Urban Bank depositors with combined funds of P3.6 billion in the bank have asked the PDIC to consider its proposal to rehabilitate Urban Bank and Urbancorp if no one shows up by April 26.

Represented by the National Association of Urban Bank Inc. and Urbancorp Investments Inc. Depositors and Creditors or Naud, the owners of the trapped funds ,have asked PDIC to give them 90 days from April 26 to submit a rehabilitation plan for UBI and Urbancorp.

The small depositors and creditors group is different from a consortium being formed by the bank's three largest creditors such as San Miguel Corp., which has total exposure in the bank amounting to P1.2 billion; Petron Corp., P1 billion, and Manila Electric Co., P500 million.

Nazareno said PDIC has been talking with five prospective bidders, including a consortium of big depositors, which were planning to conduct a due diligence review on the bank. The others are Rizal Commercial Banking Corp., International Exchange Bank, Robinson's Savings Bank, and US-based venture firm Newbridge Capital Inc.

These groups are interested in Urban Bank because of its 28 branches.

"On or before April 26, we will announce our decision. If there will be no attractive offer and Naud makes an offer, we can then rule out the option of liquidating Urban Bank," said Nazareno.

Instead of liquidation, which will take 11 years to complete, Naud said it would be better to rehabilitate both the bank and the investment house.

PDIC, Urban Bank's receiver, has decided to rebid the rehabilitation of Urban Bank last month after Bank of Commerce decided to withdraw its merger proposal for the bank. PDIC said the rehabilitation proposal of Bank of Commerce would be the benchmark for the bidding.

Urban Bank declared a bank holiday on April 26, 2000 and was shut down by the Monetary Board later.

Urban Bank has over 14,000 depositors with total deposits of ₱9.1 billion. Of the amount, only P560,000 was insured. The bank claimed that the bank's liquidity problems were due to massive withdrawals five weeks prior to its closure. *Clarissa S. Batino*

US firms hold talks with Asean ministers

THE US-ASEAN Business Council held a dialogue with Asean Finance Ministers during the Annual Asean Finance Ministers Meeting.

The discussion focused on financial sector issues and on areas of mutual cooperation to support economic growth and investment in the region.

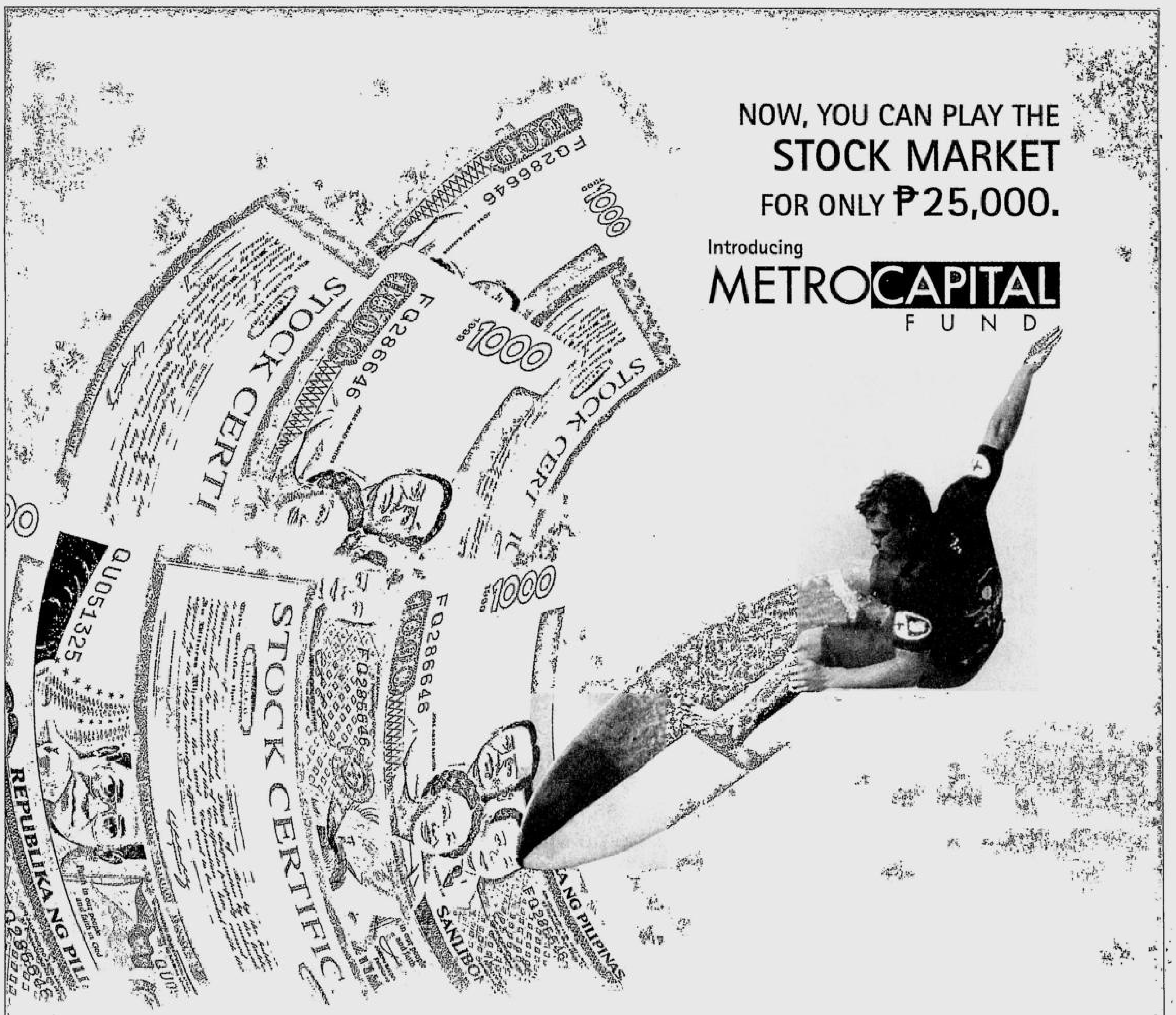
During the session, the council proposed a series of technical training programs with Asean financial regulators, including a study tour to the US later this year.

"Clearly, financial systems have been strengthened and business practices improved. We are seeing debt levels addressed while industries are restructuring," noted Stephen Long, executive vice president of Citigroup and chair of the US-Asean Business Council's Financial Sector Working Group.

"Unfortunately, the region is coming under renewed stress, much of which is a result of external factors," he added, citing the slowing US economy, weak recovery and slow growth in Japan and Europe, the global drop in equity markets, and the state of flux surrounding the global free trade agenda.

"In many ways, Asia is better positioned now than in the past," Long said.

He continued: "The risks are better understood, there is greater appreciation of portfolio management issues, and we, as managers, have all learned from the crisis. That said, we must continue applying the lessons learned, including better credit risk analysis, continued strengthening of the banking system, and improvement of data and information transparency, an area in which there is enormous opportunity to effectively use information technology."



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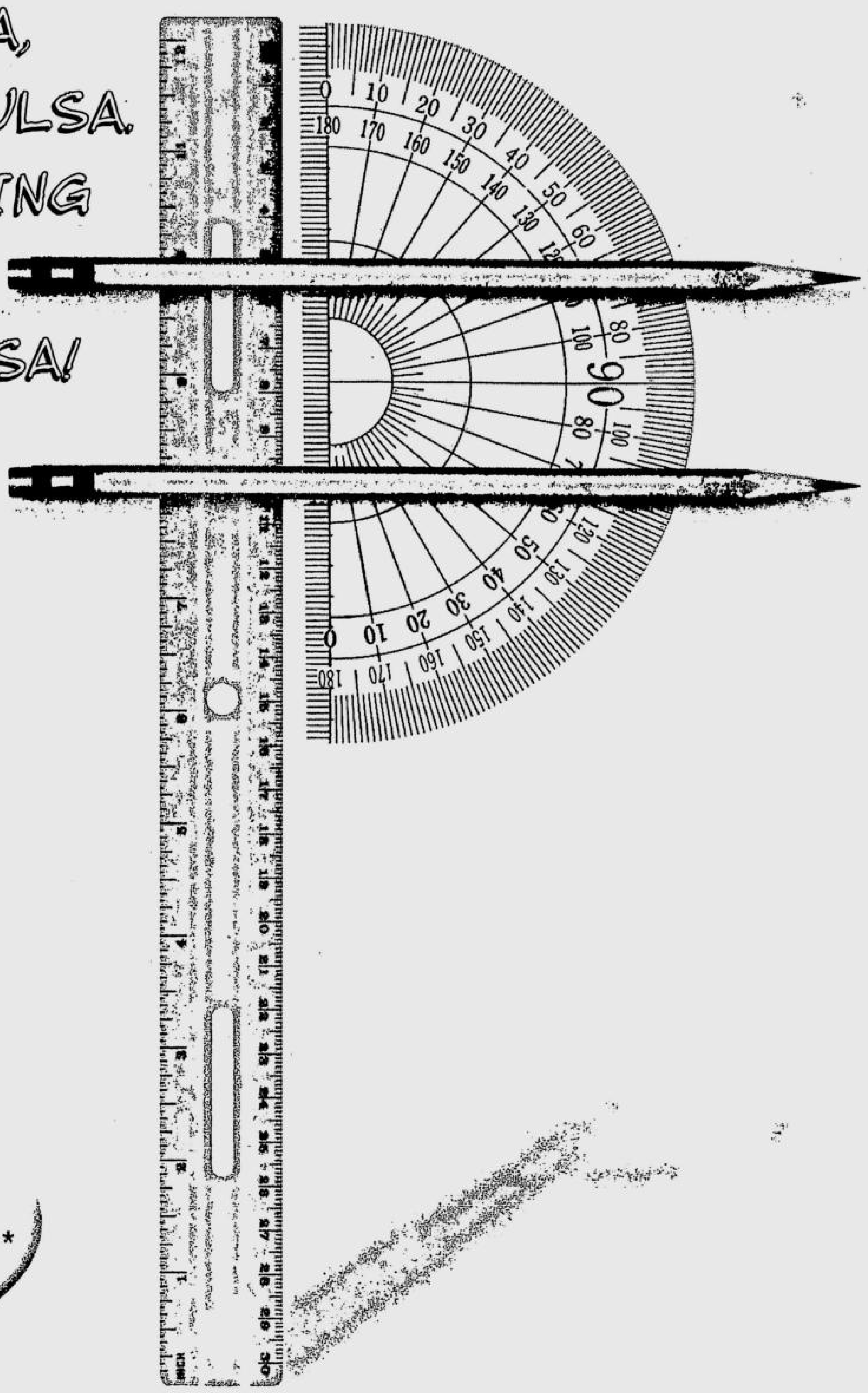

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BANKING REFORM LOAN

RP gets six more months to privatize PNB

THE WORLD Bank is willing to give the Philippines another six months to a year from June 30, 2001, to set in motion reforms that it has set as a requirement before it releases a $400-million banking sector loan.

Finance Secretary Alberto Romulo said the World Bank agreed, in principle, to give the country more time to meet conditions attached to its banking sector loan, which was approved for release in 1998.

These reforms include the full privatization of Philippine National Bank.

"I believe there is an understanding already, and they are amenable to extending the loan by another six months to a year from the June 30 deadline," Romulo told reporters.

In 1998, the World Bank and the Japan Bank for International Cooperation approved a $600-million loan to help the Philippines set in motion reforms meant to strengthen the local banking industry.

The Philippines received an initial $200 million when the loan was approved. The remaining $400 million should have been released in December 1999 and June 2000, but problems with PNB's privatization derailed this schedule.

The World Bank is particularly concerned over the way tobacco tycoon Lucio Tan has managed to gain majority control of PNB. There were suggestions that Tan used his close ties with then President Joseph Estrada to acquire a 67-percent stake in the bank.

The government is hoping to sell its 16-percent stake jointly with equities held by Tan in June this year. Their combined stake is currently valued at P17.4 billion.

US auditing giant PricewaterhouseCoopers has until April 16 to finish its third-party examination of PNB's financial health. The auditing firm's report is needed before the government and Tan can sign a joint-sale agreement.

Tan earlier agreed to sell his stake in PNB with shares held by the government but insisted that the price should be no less than P160 a share, the price at which he bought his shares in 1999.

Bank analysts believe a joint sale of the government's and Tan's stake in PNB may again lead to a failed bidding, citing price differences.

The government's and Tan's shares were placed on the auction bloc in June last year, but no bidder showed up because the price was too steep. Tan wanted to sell his stake at P160 a share, but was later prevailed upon to bring down his asking price to P140. Still, no bidder showed up.

Apart from PNB's privatization, most of the conditions set by the World Bank have already been met with the passage of the General Banking Act of 2000.

The government earlier asked the World Bank to allow it to draw on the $400-million facility despite hitches in PNB's privatization.

As a consequence to the delay, the government has been shelling out commitment fees for the loan amounting to 0.75 percent yearly.

The Macapagal administration is hoping to use the banking sector reform loan to bridge a budget deficit expected to hit P145 billion this year.

Every Monday, a series on Philippine banking history is published in the business section of the **Philippine Daily Inquirer** in commemoration of the 150th year of the **Bank of the Philippine Islands** (BPI), formerly *El Banco Español Filipino de Isabel 2* (The Spanish Filipino Bank of Isabel II), the first bank to be established in the Philippines and Southeast Asia.

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MWSS short on cash to pay ₱2.6-B debt

By Christine A. Gaylican

THE METROPOLITAN Waterworks and Sewerage System is hard-pressed to settle P2.651 billion in debts that should be shouldered by Maynilad Water Services Inc.

A senior official, who requested anonymity, told the INQUIRER that the MWSS had just enough cash to pay its debts until next month. The agency, he said, had around P627.75 million, which was not even a third of the debts it was programmed to settle this year.

"After (May), the MWSS will be in the red because it has no other way to raise money since the monthly water bill collections are with the two concessionaires," he said. "We are just depending on their concession fee payments."

The MWSS' main problem has been Maynilad's refusal to pay concession fees over the last two months.

Maynilad said it had been losing so much money because of the peso's depreciation against the US dollar that it would be more viable for it to terminate its service contract with the MWSS.

Maynilad assumed 90 percent of the MWSS' foreign debts worth over $800 million when it entered into a $7.5-billion water services agreement with the MWSS in 1997. Back then, Maynilad's debt load—at P26 to a dollar—was equivalent to P20 billion.

Maynilad said with the local currency hitting 56 to a dollar, its debts had ballooned to P40 billion, virtually doubling its single biggest expense.

Maynilad and its French partner, Lyonnaise de Eaux, had tried to work out the problem on their own, investing P2 billion more than they had committed just to continue paying the MWSS on time and still lay pipes and improve water service.

The company said it had to divert P2.3 billion set aside for water service improvements toward paying the MWSS' loans, but the peso's fall from 26 to 56 to a dollar was "catastrophic" in magnitude.

The MWSS, however, is insisting that Maynilad honor its obligations and has expressed its intention to use Maynilad's $200-million performance bond.

Maynilad, however, has secured a court order preventing the MWSS from touching this bond.

Private support for electricity plan sought

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THE DEPARTMENT of Energy is stepping up its campaign to involve the private sector in the government's rural electrification program.

Energy Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho met last week with several independent power producers to solicit their support in energizing remote barangays all over the country.

"We are looking for new capacities to electrify the barangays. The resources of the government are finite and if we rely solely on these, we would only be able to do what we have done last year and the year before," Camacho told the INQUIRER in an interview.

In the first quarter of the year, the DOE tapped P50.4 million from its electrification fund to light up 52 barangays in provinces that host the government's power projects.

A mandatory contribution of one centavo per kilowatt-hour sold by energy developers and power producers sustain the fund.

The government aims to provide electricity to 42,000 barangays by 2004. It has so far met 80 percent of its target.

Most of the more than 8,000 barangays that have yet to have electricity are in remote areas and isolated islands, making connection to major grids uneconomical.

"We're pushing for the acceleration of the electrification program, and we are looking for more active involvement of the IPPs as some of them have already done," Camacho said.

He said many communities still without electricity were ironically located near the facilities of independent power producers.

"It's very awkward (to think) that we have a power plant somewhere and the people (living near it) don't have electricity," Camacho said.

He said it was only logical that these power firms get involved by providing funding or setting up the needed infrastructure.

The "adopt-a-barangay" scheme under the DOE's "O Ilaw" campaign began last year during former Energy Secretary Mario Tiaoqui's term.

Camacho said he had asked "two of the more successful models (of the scheme)" to present to other members of the industry what they had done so that they could become examples for others.

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SAN MIGUEL CORPORATION (SMC) PROXY SOLICITATION BY GSIS

Dear SMC Stockholders:

Proxy Solicitation

On behalf of the millions of GSIS and SSS members and small coconut farmers who are the beneficial owners of SMC shares registered in the name of GSIS, SSS and Coconut Industry Investment Fund (CIIF), GSIS wishes to solicit your proxy for the May 3, 2001 SMC stockholders' meeting.

Objectives

With your proxies, we hope to accomplish the following twin objectives:

1. Ensure enough votes to elect the following new trustee-nominees of the Presidential Commission on Good Government (PCGG):
    1. Renato C. Valencia (former SSS President & CEO)
    2. Octavio V. Espiritu (former Far East Bank President & CEO)
    3. Leo S. Alvez (retired Major General)
    4. Hector L. Hofilena (former Court of Appeals Justice)
    5. Franklin G. Fuentebella
2. Enable GSIS and SSS, whose cumulative shares represent more than two board seats for independent directors, accumulate enough votes to elect a third independent director, Mr. Roberto S. Malonzo, Executive Vice President of GSIS.

Rationale

Our reasons for trying to achieve these twin objectives are as follows:

1. Protect the interest of the minority: the millions of GSIS and SSS members and the small coconut farmers who are the beneficial owners of the SMC shares entrusted with the Philippine government, as well as other small SMC stockholders;
2. Ensure transparency, accountability and good governance in SMC;
3. Help resolve the ownership issue in SMC and accelerate its privatization.

Protection of Minority Interest

For the last 15 years, the Philippine government has always represented the minority interest in SMC. Moreover, it has been supportive of SMC Management, which, in turn, protected the interest of the minority.

For the first time in fifteen years, the former trustees of PCGG refuse to resign from the board, in defiance of PCGG instructions. Worse, the present SMC Management nominated them for another term of one year and refused to qualify the new nominees of PCGG. These former nominees are:

1. Raul de Guzman
2. Allan Lee
3. Espiridion Laxa
4. Benjamin Paulino
5. Hermogenes Tantoco

Clearly, the rights of the minority interests are being violated in SMC. It is important that the new PCGG nominees be elected in the SMC board in this coming stockholders' meeting to prevent the recurrence of this discriminatory practice against the minority stockholders.

Transparency, Accountability and Good Governance

It is of common knowledge that SMC is now being run and managed by individuals and/or consultants who may have authority but without line responsibility. This situation does not augur well to the best interest of SMC.

Transparency is also imperative especially in what is perceived as "rush" major investment and divestment decisions very recently embarked into by SMC involving over Php 70 billion.

An independent audit must be made to ensure that no dissipation of assets occur or have occurred under the present SMC management.

Accelerate Privatization of SMC

For 15 years now, SMC has managed to grow despite the ownership issue and its accompanying legal and political problems. The ownership issue has, however, made investment, divestment, raising of equity money, and other major management decisions difficult.

It is in the interest of SMC stockholders that the ownership issue on the sequestered SMC shares be finally resolved to insulate SMC from the usual legal and political problems arising from the ownership issue and allow SMC to take off.

Final Appeal

It is in this spirit that the government agencies entrusted with SMC shares are appealing to SMC stockholders for their proxies.

An additional independent director will enable the government to accelerate the ownership resolution and privatization of SMC and ensure transparency, accountability and good governance in SMC.

Below is our proxy statement form. Kindly accomplish with open date below and fax and submit the original to the Office of the President and General Manager, GSIS.

For any question or clarification, please contact Ella E. Valencerina at tel. nos. 891-6377 and 891-6378 and at fax no. 891-6017.

Thank you for your trust and confidence.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) WINSTON F. GARCIA
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PROXY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

I, the undersigned stockholder of San Miguel Corporation (the "Corporation"), do hereby appoint, name and constitute **Mr. Roberto S. Malonzo**, or in his absence, his duly appointed representative, in the order enumerated, as my true and lawful proxy, for me and in my name and stead, to attend the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Corporation on 03 May 2001 and at any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) thereof, to vote all my shares of stock in the Corporation on all matters set forth in the agenda as I have expressly indicated by marking the same with an x.

If no specific instruction is given, the shares will be voted FOR the election of the nominees for directorship whose names appear in this proxy form. Moreover, this proxy shall confer discretionary authority to vote with respect to the following matters: approval of minutes of the prior Annual Meeting if such approval does not amount to a ratification of the actions taken at that meeting; the election of any person to any office for which a bona fide nominee is named in the Proxy Statement and such nominee is unable to serve or for good cause will not serve; or matters incident to the conduct of the meeting.

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ELECTION OF DIRECTORS
Mr. Roberto S. Malonzo

(INSTRUCTIONS: **To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee, write that nominee's in the space provided)**

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Other written instructions. (Please indicate item in the agenda)

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Motorola reports first operating loss in 16 yrs

CHICAGO—Motorola Inc. reported a first-quarter loss wider than analysts' already lowered expectations, citing a billion-dollar slump in sales from a year ago. It was the cell phone and chip maker's first quarterly operating loss since the third quarter of 1985, more than 15 years ago.

In the quarter ended March 31, Motorola lost $533 million, or 24 cents per share, compared with profits of $448 million, or 20 cents per share, in the year-ago quarter.

Excluding one-time items, the company lost $206 million, or 9 cents per share. Analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial/First Call expected a loss of 7 cents a share.

Motorola reported sales of $7.8 billion in the first quarter, a decrease of 11 percent from $8.8 billion a year earlier.

The Schaumburg, Illinois-based company reported its results after the close of the markets last week. Shares of Motorola, which were up $1.50 to $13 on Tuesday on the New York Stock Exchange, fell 95 cents in after-hours trading.

The stock also still hasn't recovered from its dive two weeks ago—when it hit an eight-year low of $10.50 on Friday—and has lost 75 percent of its value since last May when it reached its 52-week high of $52.64.

"This quarter was a difficult one. Order growth weakened across all of the company's business segments," said Robert Growney, president and chief operating officer. "We believe this change in customer requirements is part of a major global pattern affecting many technology companies."

Sales of cell phones and pagers were down 29 percent and orders fell 10 percent, the company said.

"We had a very pessimistic viewpoint and they still managed to miss all of my revenue numbers," said Dale Pfau, an analyst with CIBC World Markets Corp. "It's pretty disconcerting."

Motorola has cut 22,000 jobs since December, bringing its work force down to about 125,000, and Growney said "substantial cost-reduction activities continue."

Motorola has been hard hit by slowdowns in its core industries but many analysts say its problems are of its own doing. Motorola failed to connect with consumers during a recent period of runaway worldwide growth in its primary business, cell phones. *AP*

POSITIVE PICTURE

US Fed gets mixed reviews

WASHINGTON—The efforts of Federal Reserve officials to paint a positive economic picture even amid gloom on Wall Street has received mixed reviews from private economists.

Some analysts give the central bank credit for trying to shore up consumer confidence at a time when a drumbeat of news about falling stock prices and corporate layoffs might prompt Americans to shut their wallets abruptly.

But those who fear the economy could be headed for serious troubles fret that the Fed may be out of touch with the risks.

"Policymakers seem to have suddenly put on rose-tinted spectacles and they are viewing the world through them," said John Ryding, a senior economist at Bear Stearns in New York. "It's a strategy that could backfire if people think they are too complacent."

The Bear Stearns' research department, headed by former Fed Governor Wayne Angell, has been vocal in stressing that the Fed should be cutting interest rates more aggressively.

But some economists, such as Anthony Chan, chief economist at Banc One Investment Advisors in Columbus, Ohio, said the Fed has the economic situation well under control. He agreed with those at the central bank who think growth could pick up soon.

"Some people argue that the economy is collapsing, but that is just not showing through in the numbers," Chan said.

Last week, Atlanta Fed president Jack Guynn held out hope that the worst may already be over for the US economy.

"My sense is that the rate of deterioration has slowed," Guynn said, adding that there were signs the economy could be "close to bottom."

He delivered much the same message on Tuesday in Albany, Ga., saying he was optimistic "that solid and sustainable growth will return, hopefully by the end of this year."

Several officials have predicted a rebound in the second half of the year. The latest was St. Louis Fed president William Poole, who said Tuesday that the chances of a recession, or a two-quarter contraction, were just 25 percent.

"From those numbers, the chance of a recession is one in four," Poole told a student group in Tennessee, adding that he did not think a recession was a "best bet." He said the economy stood a 50-percent chance of a gradual increase in growth as 2001 progressed.

But he later added: "A recession scenario is not necessarily off the table."

The St. Louis Fed chief, a voting member of the central bank's policy-setting Federal Open Market Committee this year, forecast gross domestic product growth for the first three months of the year at "around" 1 percent.

A common thread in comments from Fed officials, including those of Fed Chair Alan Greenspan, has been an emphasis on the overhang of inventories piling up at US businesses as a major source of economic weakness.

If inventories are the main problem, presumably the slump might be short-lived if companies get their stocks of goods back into line with demand quickly. They would then be set to ramp up production again.

This is a less serious problem than production overcapacity, which the Fed raised for the first time in the statement issued after its March 20 rate cut.

One Fed official with a more somber message was Dallas Fed president Robert McTeer. In an interview with the television network CNBC on Monday and in comments to reporters on Friday, McTeer left open the possibility that first quarter gross domestic product could decline.

"There's no question we're on the edge here," McTeer told CNBC, but he noted that the Fed had already cut interest rates "pretty aggressively."

The Fed has reduced rates three times since Jan. 3 in moves that have totaled 1.5 percentage points. Some experts believe the central bank could trim rates again sometime before its regular meeting on May 15 but several said McTeer's comments seemed to suggest it would depend on upcoming data.

Economists suspected that McTeer's more blunt economic message was colored by the release of the government's March employment report, which sent shivers through Wall Street and revived worries about a recession.

Payrolls fell by a steep 86,000 in March while the jobless rate rose a notch to 4.3 percent from 4.2 percent.

But when asked about the employment numbers on Friday, McTeer played down the weakness, saying the drop was "moderate" compared to what it could have been.

But for many economists, the loss of jobs was a worrisome sign for the future.

As businesses grapple with the inventory problem and cut back sharply on spending for capital equipment such as new computers, much of the burden for keeping the economy going rests with consumers.

Their spending held up fairly well in January and February, an specially good sign since consumer spending drives two-thirds of economic growth.

But analysts worry that if the job market worsens substantially, consumers' disposable income will suffer and they will stop shopping.

Christopher Low, chief economist at First Tennessee Capital Markets in New York, disagreed with those who believe the Fed is out of touch with the economic risks.

"The Fed's interest is in turning the economy around," he said. Low noted there were two ways of doing that: "One is through policy. The other is to try to inject confidence by trying to talk the economy up." *Reuters*

Amazon joins forces with rival book chain

SAN FRANCISCO—Online retailing giant Amazon.com was joining forces with its archrival, Borders Group Inc, a source with Amazon told AFP.

Borders would "opt out" from the book buying business, and their real-world stores would promote the Amazon site, which sells books, CDs, and a host of other consumer goods, the source added.

On Monday, Amazon, which is a bellwether company for the Internet retailing chain, said it's fourth quarter losses were going to be smaller than expected, sending its stock up 34 percent that day.

Amazon shares closed Tuesday on Nasdaq at $12.01, up 7.4 percent.

The shares reached a 52-week peak of $68 last May.

Borders shares were unchanged at $16.98 Tuesday.

Borders had tried to compete against Amazon in the online book selling sector for a number of years, and has incurred heavy losses as a result.

Also Tuesday, Seattle-based Amazon struck a deal with Adobe Systems to offer Adobe's digital book reading software through the online retailer. *AFP*

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ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Items		₱ 117,443,072
Due from Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas		593,367,049
Due from Other Banks		1,081,480,649
Loans, Discounts and Advances (Net)		12,111,090,628
Investment in Bonds and Other Debt Instruments (Net)		509,507,184
Equity Investments (Net)		54,409,008
Bank Premises, Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment (Net)		801,694,610
Other Assets (Net) :		
a. Property Owned/Acquired		2,844,697,864
b. Others		1,838,721,376
TOTAL ASSETS		₱ 19,952,411,440
LIABILITIES		
Demand Deposits		₱ 777,498,824
Savings Deposits		6,553,057,931
Time Deposits		1,099,078,360
Due to Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas		7,109,591
Outstanding Checks/Payment Orders		96,500,830
Bills Payable :		
BSP - Rediscounts/Special Programs		5,692,121,870
Others		2,625,124,309
Unearned Income and Other Deferred Credits		30,592,357
Other Liabilities		437,346,947
TOTAL LIABILITIES		₱ 17,318,431,019
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		
Capital Stock		₱ 1,562,116,620
Surplus		628,143,941
Surplus Reserves		5,593,740
Appraisal Increment Reserve		438,126,120
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		₱ 2,633,980,421
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		₱ 19,952,411,440
CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS		
Bills for Collection - Domestic		₱ 2,590,871
Assets Held Under Trust and Investment Mgt. Agreements		379,052,650
Invested in :		
Government Securities	₱ 28,353,032	
Other Securities, Debt Instrument and Shares of Stock	115,093,724	
Loans and Discounts	51,141,700	
Other Assets	184,464,194	
Accountabilities :		
Trust and Other Fiduciary	213,632,754	
Investment/Fund Management	50,000,000	
Unearned Income and Other Accountabilities	115,419,897	
Securities Held as Collaterals		18,323
Other Contingent Accounts		125,035,084
TOTAL CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS		₱ 506,696,928

Other Information

1. Deposits of :		
a.) Government		₱ 48,436,854
b.) Banks		276,467,212
c.) Trust Department		10,295,614
2. COMPLIANCE WITH MAGNA CARTA LAW		
Prescribed Ratio of Compliance	6% For Small Ent.	2% For Medium Ent.
Actual Compliance	422.03%	1477.04%

Additional Information

1. Non-performing loans and ratio to total loan portfolio	₱ 1,552,844,856 12.51%
2. Classified loans and other risk assets	1,242,195,904
3. General loan loss reserve	156,197,532
4. Specific loan loss reserve	218,392,563
5. Return on equity (ROE)	3.63%
6. DOSRI loans/advances and ratio to total loan portfolio	568,930,559 4.56%
7. Past due DOSRI loans/advances and ratio to total loan portfolio	NONE

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We, Vicente G. Gamo and Maria Flordelis F. Aguenza of the above mentioned bank, do solemnly swear that all matters set forth in the above statement of condition are true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

(SGD) VICENTE G. GAMO
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Eulalia Valero de Ocampo

has joined her Creator on April 14, 2001
at the age of 88.

Her bereaved husband **Pacifico de Ocampo**; children **Dennis** (†), **Heidi** and **Pete Sison**, **Tito** (†) and **Nina**, **Cecile** and **Oscar Lagman**, **Sonjie** and **Francis Trillana**, **Bobby** and **Marilyn**, and **Butch** and **Maricar**; grandchildren **Denis** and **Joy**, **Leah** and **Johanna**; **Casper**, **Trisha** and **Wendy**; **Monica**, **Ojay** and **Maysie**; **Michael**, **Gibby** (†) and **Christina**; **Skippy**, **David** (†) and **Bambina**; **Miki** and **Amanda**; great grandchildren **Chino** and **Stephanie**; and her dear relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at St. Alphonsus Mary de Liguori Chapel 2, Magallanes Village, Makati City. Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday, 17 April 2001 at 2:00 PM. Interment will immediately follow at Manila Memorial Park, Parañaque.

Our Dearly Beloved Mother

GONY GONZALEZ FUENTEBELLA

Peacefully joined her Creator
on 14 April 2001 at the age of 86.

Her husband **Absalon**; loving children **Nilo** and **Ditas Casas**, **Remo** (†), **Gilda**, **Dennis** (†), **Franklin** and **Aurora Llamas**, **Hedy** and **Gen**, **Manuel Lopez**, **Lorio** and **Mercibel Lim**, **Jerry** and **Sally Enriquez**, **Marl** and **Freddie Mendoza**, **Chito** and **Lyn Dinglasan**, **Glenn** and **Karen Villar**; and sister **Melly Regalado**; grandchildren and great grandchildren; other relatives and friends, request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Fr. Willmann Suite of Holy Trinity Memorial Chapels, Sucat, Parañaque City.

Funeral Mass will be offered on Wednesday, 18 April 2001, at the Fr. Willmann Suite followed by crematorium services at the Manila Memorial Park Crematorium, Sucat, Parañaque City.

CONSUELO "CONNIE" POLICARPIO FERRAZZINI

Died in the Grace of our Lord on April 14, 2001
at the age of 87.

Her loving children **Johnny** and **Linda**, and **Anne Marie**; grandchildren **Elmo** and **Mylene**, **Anton** and **Gene-Rose**, **Centing** and **Xyla**, **Richie** and **Adze**, **Joanna** and **Cel**, **Mylene** and **Andrew**, and **Maria**; relatives and friends request to rejoice with us at her return to our Creator and to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at #8 Cotabato Street, Insular Village, Phase I, Lanang, Davao City.

Cremation date will be announced later.

Kindly omit flowers, instead donations to the Maharlika Charity Foundation will be much appreciated.

"We know that God raised the Lord Jesus from death. He will raise us to Life with Jesus. He will present us, along with you, to God."
2 Corinthians 4:14

Leticia Ramos Luna

Peacefully joined our Lord on April 14, 2001 at 11:45 AM.

Her husband **Frank**; children **Lucy** and **Ronnie**, **Nandy**, **Lorie** and **Kookie**, **Eric** and **Jenny**, **Lilia** and **Teta**; her grandchildren; her brother **Emy** (†) and sister **Ofie**; her brothers and sisters-in-law; other relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Holy Trinity Memorial Chapels, Dr. A. Santos Avenue, Parañaque City.

Interment will be at the Manila Memorial Park, Sucat, Parañaque City on April 17, 2001 (Tuesday), at 3:00 PM.

AMADO ESCALONA KIMPO, SR.

of Kalibo, Aklan

Former Councilor, Central Bank Examiner,
Accountant and Professor

Born in Numancia, Aklan on September 13, 1913
Died in the Grace of our Lord on April 13, 2001

His wife **Blandina** (†); sons and in-laws **Amado Jr.** and **Linda**, **Alex** and **Baby**, **Jones** and **Beng** (†), **Daniel** and **Lourdes**, **Manolo** and **Linda**, **Peter** and **Edith**, **Phillip**, **Carlo** and **Joy**, **Raul** and **Chuchi**, **Josie** and **Joisy**; grandchildren and great grandchildren request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Chapel C, Loyola Memorial Chapels, Guadalupe Viejo, Makati City and will be transferred to Kalibo, Aklan on April 17, 2001 at 9:00 AM.

Interment will be on April 21, 2001 after necrological services at 3:30 PM to be officiated by Bishop Gabriel Reyes.

I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.
John 14:6

In Loving Memory
on the
First Death Anniversary
of

Dr. Francisco O. Rillo

October 10, 1940 - April 16, 2000

Holy Masses will be offered at the following churches on April 16, 2001:

St. John the Baptist Calamba, Laguna	5:30 AM
Santuario de San Jose Greenhills, Mandaluyong, Rizal	6:15 PM
Mary the Queen Parish Church San Juan, Rizal	6:00 AM
Nativity of Our Lady Parish Church Industrial Valley Subdivision, Marikina City	6:00 PM
Church of the Holy Sacrifice UP Diliman, Quezon City	6:00 PM
St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish Church UP Los Baños College, Laguna	5:30 PM
Christ the King Seminary E. Rodriguez Avenue, Quezon City	6:30 AM
St. Paul the Apostle Parish Church Timog Avenue, Quezon City	6:00 AM
Parish of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary West Triangle, Quezon City	6:30 AM
Christ the King Church Green Meadows, Quezon City	6:30 AM
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Project 6, Quezon City	6:00 AM
San Nicolas Church Congressional Avenue, Quezon City	6:00 AM
Our Lady of Consolacion Parish Church Mira-Nila Subdivision, Quezon City	6:00 AM

The family requests relatives, friends and pious readers to join them in praying for the eternal repose of his soul.

JIMMY G. SIA

Died peacefully in the Grace of our Lord
on April 14, 2001 at the age of 52.

His bereaved wife NANCY; children JOHN, JEFF and P-JANE; mother AURORA; sisters AIDA and ZITA; relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for his eternal happiness in heaven.

His remains lie in state at Arlington Memorial Chapels.

Interment will be on Wednesday, April 18, 2001 at the Manila Memorial Park after the 12:00 noon service.

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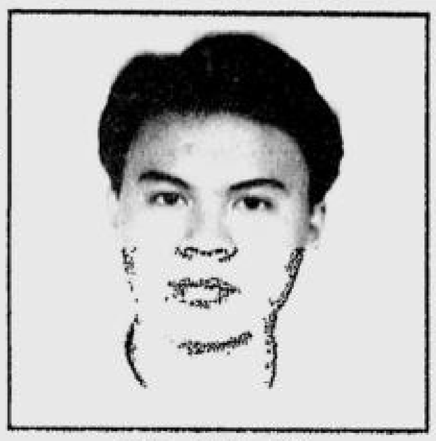

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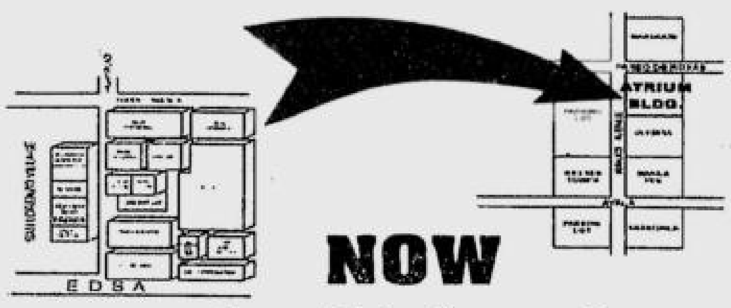

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By BONG BARRAMEDA

At first blush

Q. Why do we blush?

A. The ability to blush is not inborn — it is a reflex action which develops between the ages of two and four. Studies indicate that blushing is commoner among girls than boys, although the reason for this is yet unclear. In response to feelings of shame or self-consciousness, the brain sends nerve signals which release a powerful chemical called a peptide. The chemical dilates the small blood vessels in the skin of the face, neck and upper chest. This dilation causes you to blush.

For the Record. The first stethoscope — the instrument which has become the doctors around the world — was invented because a young doctor was shy. It was devised in a matter of moments by the early 19th-century physician Rene Laennec. One day in 1816, Laennec was consulted by a young woman, whose symptoms suggested she was suffering from heart disease. Laennec's modesty prevented him from following the usual practice of placing his ear next to her naked chest to listen to the heartbeat. So he rolled up a newspaper and used that instead. Realizing that the tube magnified the sounds, he went on to construct a 300 mm (1 ft) long cylinder of wood — the first true stethoscope.

Past Forward. This day in 1899: Emilio Jacinto, dubbed the "Brains of the Katipunan," died of malaria in Majayjay, Laguna. He was 23. After the death of Andres Bonifacio, Apolinario Mabini ordered Jacinto to go to Majayjay, where he was wounded and captured by the Spaniards.

WORD WATCH

Malaria (muh ler' ee uh) : from the Italian *mala aria*, 'bad air'; it was originally thought that the disease was caused by the foul, unwholesome air which was characteristic of marshy areas.

PDI – April 16, 2001

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The prequalification/eligibility documents must be submitted to the Contracts Administration Group not later than 5:00 p.m. of April 25, 2001.

Bid documents shall be issued to eligible Contractors starting May 10, 2001 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of One Thousand Pesos (PHP 1,000.00).

For purposes of clarifying certain issues, a pre-bid conference will be held on May 21, 2001, 2:30 p.m. at PNOC-EDC's CAC Conference Rm., Ground Floor, Building V.

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Her loving children and children-in-law **Tony** and **Marilou**, **Ramon** and **Armi**, **Edmund**, **Beng** and **Ellen**, **Letty**, **Bong** and **Joy**; her grandchildren **Analyn** and **Marlon**, **R.A.**, **Ara**, **Philip Raymond**, **E.J. & R.J.**, **Andee**, and **Robi**; other relatives and friends, request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Holy Trinity Memorial Chapels, Dr. A. Santos Ave., Parañaque City.

Interment will be at the Everlasing Peace Memorial Park, San Pedro, Laguna on April 18, 2001 (Wednesday) after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

"... absent with the body to be present with the Lord"

2 Corinthians 5:8

Our Beloved

ATTY. GODOFREDO "Fred" V. MAGBIRAY SR.

Died in the Grace of our Lord on April 14, 2001 (Black Saturday) at the age of 77.

His bereaved family and relatives request the pious readers to pray for the repose of his soul.

His body lies in state at FLORESCO FUNERAL HOME, Gen. Luna St., Malabon, Metro Manila.

There will be a Mass at the IFI La Purisima Concepcion, Malabon at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 17, 2001.

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PERSONAL

NOVENA TO THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS AND SAINT JUDE

May the most Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified throughout the whole world now and forever. Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Pray for us.

St. Jude, worker of miracles, helper for the helpless, pray for us.

Say nine times a day for nine days. Prayer will be answered by the eighth day, it has never failed.

Thank you very much.

MESSAGES

I am very happy to note that the Association of Asia Brewery Medical Scholars will come out with a special issue in celebration of the Medical Forum's 100th lecture session.

You are aware of course of my sincere desire to be involved in any activity that is addressed to the well being of the Filipinos. I am, therefore, very proud of your Association for your continuous dedication to search for new frontiers in the field of medical science. In this regard, the Medical Forum has, indeed, established its worth and relevance in our society.

I congratulate the officers and members of the association and I assure you of my full support in any undertaking that will benefit the Filipino people, especially our less fortunate brethren in society.

Mabuhay kayong lahat!

DR. LUCIO C. TAN
Founding Chairman
ABMSSF

My warmest greetings to the officers and members of the Association of Asia Brewery Medical Scholars in their successful completion of its 100th monthly Medical Forum given as their contribution to the upliftment of the medical education of the general public.

We are fortunate to have the continuous and unselfish support of Dr. Lucio C. Tan, founder of the Asia Brewery Medical Scholarship Foundation in this humanitarian and philantrophic mission to help in the elevation of the medical education of our medical specialists and also the general public.

I wish your association more success in your mission.

Congratulations and Mabuhay!

PACIFICO C. YAP, M.D.
ABMSSF Program Chairman

The Medical Forum as a project of the Association of Asia Brewery Medical Scholars has already gained its pre-eminence among medical practitioners for its timely discussions on current and latest developments in the field of medical practice and health care.

The time and efforts that the officers and members of the Association devote to this kind of activity, to my mind, are well spent and deserved our full appreciation.

Our society today, more than ever, needs our spontaneous participation in any kind of projects directed to the enhancement of the national weal. Indeed, one such project is the Medical Forum lecture session sponsored by the Association of Asia Brewery Medical Scholars. The continuity of this project proves beyond doubt the capacity of your Association to sustain a worthy endeavor.

I extend my warmest greetings and congratulations to the officers and members of the Association on the occasion of the celebration of the Medical Forum's 100th lecture session.

Congratulations!

CHARLES C. CHANTE, M.D.
Vice Chairman & Treasurer
ABMSSF

Congratulations to the Association of Asia Brewery Medical Scholars on the occasion of the celebration of the 100th Medical Forum, a milestone in the series of lectures for the lay audience. We, of the Asia Brewery Scholarship Foundation, are very proud of the achievements of the more tha 60 medical scholars that we have sent to centers abroad for post-graduate training in the various medical specialties and have returned to serve our countrymen. This is the perfect fulfillment of the vision of our founder and benefactor, Dr. Lucio C. Tan.

The popularity of this monthly Medical Forum is evidenced by the progressive increase in the size of the audience, at times swelling beyond 300 interested, attentive and inquisitive persons. We have every reason to expect that the size of the audience will continue to increase- a testimony to the recognition of its benefits and the impact the Asia Brewery Scholars have so graciously given their time to impart. Again, my heartfelt congratulations to the Association of Asia Brewery Medical Scholars for this most gratifying and fulfilling endeavor.

Kasian Lim
KASIAN LIM, M.D.
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It has been a little bit more than a decade ago when the Asia Brewery Medical Scholarship Foundation was conceptualized to augment the need of the country for more foreign trained medical specialists. Annually, three deserving young physicians are to be selected and to be given the chance of receiving special training from abroad with the condition that they return home and serve our countrymen at the conclusion of their training. Priorities are given to medical subspecialties that are still lacking in the country.

The Association of Asia Brewery Medical Scholars was organized after the first few recipients have returned to fulfill their contracts with the foundation. One of the projects of the scholars was to hold monthly lay lectures with the aim of educating the public on different health issues. This is the group's contribution to the efforts of various sectors to increase public awareness and elevate the level of health care thru education.

The activity proved to be such a success that after nine years, we are still lecturing to our loyal audience, most of whom were with us since the beginning.

On behalf of the officers and members of the Association of Asia Brewery Medical Scholars, it is with great pleasure and pride that I welcome all the participants to our 100th Medical Forum.

EVAN G. ONG, M.D.
President
Association of Asia Brewery Medical Scholars

ABMSSF REACHES ANOTHER MILESTONE, HOLDS 100th MEDICAL FORUM

After nine years that had the Asia Brewery Medical Specialty Scholarship Foundation (ABMSSF) pursue new fields in medical science—and help assist the country's healthcare programs—ABMSSF celebrates another milestone today with the staging of its 100th medical forum which aims to keep health practitioners current on emerging trends and developments in medicine.

The forum or lay lecture—held monthly at Century Park Hotel—contributes to efforts of government and private sector to raise public awareness and continuously elevate the level of medical service the State provides to Filipinos.

ABMSSF's lectures were not limited to laymen. In March 1993 and February 1995, two scientific symposia for physicians were held—"Current Approach in the Management of Organ Dysfunction Syndrome," and "Preventive Aspect of Medical Practice—the Challenge."

Scholars selected by the ABMSSF for special training or post-graduate studies in foreign countries such as the United States, Australia, England,Germany and Spain serve as resource persons in the monthly forum that was conceptualized by the doctors themselves.

Thus far, the Foundation has sent 60 scholars abroad, and of that number, 36 have come back and practiced in the Philippines.

As of 1993, three more names were added to the list of doctors who became recipients of the scholarship grant.

Founded in 1984, the Foundation was originally named Beer Hausen Scholarship until its policy makers, composed of the founder himself, Dr. Lucio C. Tan (Honoris Causa in Applied Agriculture), Doctors Pacifico Yap, Charles Chante and Kasian Lim saw it fit to adopt the present name four years ago.

The Foundation's objective is to "help upgrade the standards of medical practice by granting financial help to deserving doctors who wish to pursue further studies in their respective specialties." It also aims to promote medical education and research among physicians and their allied professions, and as the situation demands, to donate medical equipment and other items to medical institutions, to support public health programs and charity medical projects, and even to operate hospitals and other paramedical facilities.

The specialties/subspecialties and specialized procedures offered earlier were: allergy and clinical immunology (Adult); critical care medicine (intensivist); dermatology (3 grantees, including one who specialized in photo medicine and laser surgery); echocardiography and color doppler; invasive cardiology, endocrinology (3 grantees); interventional gastrointestinal radiology and therapeutic endoscopy (2 grantees); hematology/medical oncology (2 grantees); infectious diseases (2 grantees); lipidology, nephrology (5 grantees); pulmonary medicine (3 grantees);

Pulmonary rehabilitation, rheumatology, toxicology, pediatric endocrinology, pediatric gastroenterology, pediatric immunology, pediatric neontology, pediatric neurology, pediatric respirology, pediatric rehabilitation, neonatal intensive care (2 grantees); adult cardiovascular and thoracic surgery, microsurgery, otorhinolaryngology, urology, urologic oncology, anesthesiology (pain management), maternal-fetal medicine, reproductive endocrinology and infertility (3 grantees), interventional radiology, and extracorporeal shockwave lithotripsy for gallstone.

Dr. Lucio C. Tan and Dr. Charles C. Chante award a plaque of appreciation to Dr. Christopher Jordan, world-renown orthopedic surgeon from Los Angeles, for his lecture during the 15th anniversary of ABMSSF.

In February 1992, the Foundation found an effective arm to further realize its goals with the birth of ABMSSF. Organized by the earlier batch of grantees who returned to the country after their training overseas, the association initiated a series of medical lectures for laymen.

On March 17, 1994, the scholars conducted their first clinic at the San Jose de Trozo Parish Church in Tondo. This was followed by a series of free clinics from April to June 1996 at Jaboneros and Santo Cristo Street, in Binondo.

Today, 17 years after its establishment, the Foundation is proud of its achievements, particularly the fact that it was, and still is, instrumental in making young doctors full-fledged subspecialists by giving them the opportunity to train in more advanced centers aboard.

The scholarship program is one of the many educational projects of Dr. Tan, who is the chairman of the Tan Yan Kee Foundation, which also actively supports the "Operation Barrio School Building Project," in coordination with the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

World medical experts led from left by Doctors Christopher Jordan; Jack Wand, chairman of the Hepatology and Molecular Laboratory of the Harvard Medical Center and chairman of the Medical Department of the Brown University Medical Center in Rhode Island; and Vay Liang Go, chairman of the Nutrition Department of the University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA) and committee member of the National Institute of Health (NIH) in Washington, attend the 15th anniversary of AMMSSF.

The ABI Medical Specialty Scholars

	Scholar	Specialty
1.	Agbay, Benedicto	Gastroenterology-Therapeutic Endoscopy
2.	Ang, Cynthia	Pediatric Rehabilitation
3.	Ang, Evelyn	Pulmonary Medicine
4.	Bagsic, Regina	Gastroenterology-Lithotripsy
5.	Chan-Cua, Sioksoan	Pediatric Endocrinology
6.	Chua, Jennifer	Infectious Disease
7.	Dioquino, Carissa Paz	Neurology
8.	Go-Yap, Josephine	Nephrology
9.	Habana, Luis Martin	Cardiology
10.	King-Ismael, Daisy	Dermatology
11.	Lao, Ramon C.	Reconstructive Microsurgery
12.	Letran, Jason	Urologic Oncology'
13.	Lim, Nelson	Reconstructive Microsurgery
14.	Ty Willing, Ruby Lim	Nephrology, Lipidology
15.	Lusaya, Dennis G.	Urology
16.	Ng-Lim Ellen	Otorhinolaryngology
17.	Ong, Evan	Gastroenterology – Diagnostic & Therapeutic Endoscopy
18.	Ong, Rosa	Allergy & Clinical Immunology
19.	Peña, Ma. Digna M.	Gastroenterology
20.	Recto-Parreno, Merle	Gastroenterology
21.	Salvador, Kelly	Medical Oncology
22.	Sy, Irene Y.	Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility
23.	Sy, Peter	Gastroenterology
24.	Chua, Alberto	Nephrology
25.	Tanchoco-Tan, Marietta	Pulmonary Rehabilitation
26.	Tan, Eunice Uy	Endocrinology
27.	Tan-de Guzman,Wilson	Invasive Cardiology
28.	Tan-Vera Cruz, Marivic	Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility
29.	Tee, Ernesto	Cardiology-Echocardiography
30.	Teo, Dennis	Pulmonary Medicine
31.	Tiu, Nanneth	Asthma, Allergy & Clinical Immunology
32.	Ty Willing, Tommy	Diabetes / Endocrinology
33.	Yang, Angelo	Dermatology
34.	Yap, Frederick C.	Adult Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgery
35.	Yu, Rosita Ong	Neonatal Intensive Care
36.	Yu-Gan Susan	Endocrinology

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Blood Pressure Measurement
ECG

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Interactive Session 1 – Vaccine & Immunity

Immunization:
- In Pediatrics
- In Adults
- Asthma
- Pneumonia

8:30 P.M. – 9:30 P.M.
Interactive Session II – Middle Age Blues

- Hypertension
- Sugar & Fats
- Obesity

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AGBAY, BENEDICTO
Therapeutic Endoscopy-1992
Pager 150-311176
Contact No. : CSMC 727-0001 loc 701
Clinic Hours M,F 1-4 PM, W 8-10 NN
T,TH (By Appointment)

ALORA, MA. BEATRICE
Dermatology (Photo Medicine & Laser Surgery) - 1996

ANG, CYNTHIA
Pediatric Rehabilitation – 1994
Pager 125-1190138
Contact No. : CSMC 727-0001 loc 128/148
PGH 526-0063 or 526-4357
Clinic Hours M 9-12 NN, F-S 2-4 PM
W 2-4 PM

ANG, EVELYN
Pulmonary Medicine – 1987
Pager 1581-6322572
Contact No. : CGH 711-4141 loc. 282
or 743-2258
Clinic Hours M-S (Except W) 9-1 PM

ARAMBURO, MARY JANE
Pediatric Neonatology – 1986

BAGSIC, REGINA
Gastroenterologist-Lithotripsy – 1991
Pager 634-3333-787968
Contact No : CSMC 727-0001 loc. 723
Clinic Hours T,TH 1-4 PM

CANLAS-YAMSUAN, MARILYN
Pediatric Respirology – 1990

CHAN, ROBERT
Orthopedic Surgery (Extremity Tumor Surgery)

CHAN-CUA, SIOKSOAN
Pediatric Endocrinology – 1987
Pager 141-022154
Contact No : CSMC 727-0001 loc 840
or 727-7655
CGH 711-4141 loc. 429
or 743-1440
MDH 524-3011 loc. 4360
241-9590
Clinic Hours T,TH,S 3-6 PM
T,TH 10-12 NN
M,W,F,S 10-12 NN, M (By Appointment)

CHU, MARY LYN
Pediatric Neurology – 1984

CHUA, ALBERTO TAN
Nephrology – 1988
Pager 141-223113
Contact No. : CGH 711-4141 loc 544
715-0861 loc 287
721-6821
Clinic Hours M-F 12-3 PM
T,W,TH 9-11 NN, F,S 9-11 NN

CHUA, JENNIFER
Infectious Diseases – 1987
Pager 1277-55050
Contact No. : CSMC 727-0001 loc. 840
or 727-7655
CGH 711-4141 loc. 435
Clinic Hours W 10-12 NN

DIOQUINO, CARISSA PAZ
Neurology – 1998
Pager 125-1098633
Contact No. : MDH 524-3011 loc 4410
PGH 525-4996 or 523-8217
loc 22
Clinic Hours: T,S 10-12 NN, W,F 2-5 PM

DOBLES-DIZON, CHRISTINE
Pediatric Critical Care

DY, GRACE S.
Gynecologic Oncology

FERNANDEZ, JOYCE CAROL
Gastroenterology – 1993

GO-YAP, JOSEPHINE
Nephrology – 1992
Pager 125-7018775
Contact No MH 255-0401 loc 220
Clinic Hours M,T 10-3 PM, W,TH,S 10-12 NN

HABANA, LUIS MARTIN
Cardiology
Contact No. : CGH 711-4141 loc 438
523-8271 loc 44
897-9111 loc 123
Clinic Hours T,TH,S 10-12 NN, M,W,F

KING-ISMAEL, DAISY
Dermatology (Photo Medicine & Laser Surgery) – 1990
Pager 634-3333-224212
Contact No : CGH 711-4141 loc 547
Clinic Hours W,TH 10-12 NN, S 9-11 AM

LAO, RAMON C.
Reconstructive Microsurgery – 1986
Pager 150-300408
Contact No. CGH 711-4141 loc 287
MH 255-0401 loc 215
Clinic Hours M-S 11-1 PM, M-S 3-6 PM

LETRAN, JASON
Urologic Oncology – 1997
Pager 634-3333-883946
Contact No CSMC 727-0001 loc. 827
CGH 711-4141 loc 271
Clinic Hours M-S (Except Th,F) 10-12 NN
M-S (Except T) 2-5 PM

LIM, NELSON
Reconstructive Microsurgery – 1999
Pager 141-254750
Contact No. : 743-9476, 641-6221
or 747-5900, 938-1790
Clinic Hours T,TH,F 1-4 PM
T,TH,S 5-8 PM (By Appointment)

LIM-SY, JOCELYN
Vitreo Retinal

LIM-TY WILLING, RUBY G.
Nephrology/Lipidology – 1993
Pager 125-1004924
Contact No CGH 711-4141 loc 213
or 743-2437
Clinic Hours M-F 2-4 PM

LITTAUA, REBECCA
Infectious Diseases – 1988

LUSAYA, DENNIS G.
Urology – 1997
Pager 634-3333-221694
Contact No U S T 749-9780
Clinic Hours M-TH 1-4 PM, F 3-5 PM

MEDENILLA PENA, MA. DIGNA
Gastroentology - 1993

NG-LIM, ELLEN
Otorhinolargology – 1990
Pager 125-1156110
Contact No PGH 711-4141 loc 538
Clinic Hours M-F 3-5 PM

ONG-YU, ROSITA
Neonatal Intensive Care – 1995

ONG, EVAN
Gastroenterology-Diagnostic & Therapeutic Endoscopy – 1989
Pager 634-3333-882442
Contact No : MH 255-0401 loc 201
or 254-8313
254-8309 or 255-1503
Clinic Hours M-S (Except W) 10-12 NN
& 4-5:30 PM

ONG, JULIE
Pediatric Gastroentology – 1989

ONG, ROSA
Allergy & Clinic Immunology (Adult) – 1988
Pager 1481-885347
Contact No : CGH 711-4141 loc. 446
Clinic Hours T,TH,S 9-12 NN

ONGCHI, DENNIS
Rheumatology – 1988

PECACHE, NERISSA
Neonatal Intensive Care – 1996

QUE POA TAN, SALLY
Nephrology – 1985

RAMON-YEO, YOLANDA
Pulmonary Medicine – 1984

RECTO-PARENO, MERLE L.
Gastroentology – 1993

RIVERAL, ALPHA
Anesthesiology (Pain Management) – 1992

ROGANDO, LINDA
Pediatric Critical Care

SALVADOR, KELLY
Medical Oncology – 1991
Pager 141-300071
Contact No . 252-8721
874-8515 loc 327
Clinic Hours M,W,F,S 9-12 NN,T,TH 9-12 NN

SY, CELIA T.
Pediatric Pulmonology
Pager 141-028084
Contact No : MH 255-0401 loc 221
or 291-9956
Clinic Hours M,W,S 11-1 PM

SY, IRENE Y.
Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility – 1995
Pager 1581-6353157
Contact No. CGH 711-4141 loc. 213
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733-3126
726-9289
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SY, PETER P.
Gastroentology – 1995
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PGH 522-2029
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M,W,F,S 3-6 PM
T-TH

TABANGAY, IDA MARIE MENDOZA
Hepato-pancreatico-Biliary

TAN, FREDERICK
Nephrology – 1987

TAN, WILSON
Hematology/Medical Oncology – 1991

TANCHOCO-TAN, MARIETTA
Pulmonary Rehabilitation –1991
Pager 125-1027782
Contact No MH 255-0401 loc. 219
Clinic Hours M-F 1-3 PM

TAN-DE GUZMAN, WILSON
Invasive Cardiology – 1987
Contact No CGH 711-4141 loc 288
Clinic Hours M,W,F 1-4 PM
S 10-12 NN

TAN-TE, TERESITA
Pulmonary Medicine – 1984

TAN-VERA CRUZ, MARIVIC
Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility – 1989
Pager 125-1027782
Contact No. . CGH 711-4141 loc 342
or 711-3838
Clinic Hours M-S 10-1 PM

TEE, ERNESTO
Echocardiography & COLOR DOPPLER – 1990
Pager 634-3333-684595
Contact No 254-6593
Clinic Hours M-F 1-3 PM

TEO, DENNIS
Internal Medicine
Pager 634-3333-DR TEO
Contact No : 711-7262

TIU, NANNETH
Pediatric Immunology – 1985
Pager 1581-6338613
Contact No. . CGH 711-4141 loc. 318
MH 255-0401
Clinic Hours M-S 9-12 NN
M-F 4-6 PM

TY WILLING, TOMMY
Diabetes/Endocrinology – 1985
Pager 1441-884424
Contact No. : MH 255-0401 loc. 219
or 251-1741
Clinic Hours M-S 9.30-12 NN

UY-TAN, EUNICE
Endocrinology – 1997
Pager 127-760167
Contact No 321-0825
Clinic Hours T,TH 9-12 NN

YANG, ANGELITO
Dermatology – 1992

YAP, FREDERICK C.
Adult Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgery – 1994
Pager 634-3333-1004489
Contact No CGH 711-4141 loc. 547
Clinic Hours T,TH 9-12 NN

YAP, ROSITA Y.
Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility – 1993

YU-GAN, SUSAN
Endocrinology – 1990
Contact No . MH 255-0401 loc. 205
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Clinic Hours M-F 3-6 PM, T,F 10-12 NN

YU-HUANG, BENSON
Critical Care Medicines – 1989

YU-HOW, HELEN
Maternal-Fetal Medicine – 1987

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CSMC - Cardinal Santos Medical Center
CGH - Chinese General Hospital
MH - Metropolitan Hospital
MDH - Manila Doctor Hospital
PGH - Philippine General Hospital
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EXPORTS SLOWDOWN

Japan current account surplus heads lower

TOKYO—Japan's surplus on its current account, the broadest measure of trade in goods and services, narrowed in February for the third month in a row, a trend expected to continue as slower global growth hits exports.

The surplus, of 1.35 trillion yen ($10.83 billion), was 8.7 percent lower than in February 2000, the Ministry of Finance said on Wednesday.

The surplus comfortably beat market expectations for the second month in a row and, when adjusted for seasonal variations, jumped 48 percent from depressed January levels to 1.25 trillion yen. But economists said the outlook was not so rosy.

"While this was sufficient to turn the trend in the seasonally adjusted surplus back up, we still believe that the longer-term downtrend should prevail, in large part because the merchandise trade surplus should continue to fall," James Malcolm, an economist with JP Morgan, said in a note to clients.

The main reason for the smaller surplus was that imports were 11.5 percent higher than in February 2000 while export growth slowed to just 1.3 percent.

"In the coming months, growth in exports—particularly those to Asia and the United States—is likely to be subdued," said Minako Iida, an economist with Deutsche Securities in Tokyo.

"While imports may also be capped by weak domestic demand, the current account surplus is likely to continue narrowing," she said.

Weak exports and deteriorating business conditions at home are likely to prompt the government to cut its official growth forecast for the fiscal year that started on April 1 to less than one percent, the Asahi Shimbun reported on Wednesday.

The government drafted its budget in December on assumptions that gross domestic product would expand 1.7 percent this year.

Sagging overseas demand not only takes a direct toll on exports but spills over into manufacturers' investment plans, which are being scaled back rapidly.

"The key here is when the US economy will recover," said Koichi Ono at Daiwa Institute of Research.

"The impact from the yen's recent weakness against the dollar may help, but the impact of a rapid slowdown in the U.S. economy cannot be offset by that," he said.

The yen fell to 30-month lows around 126.80 to the dollar last week, down more than 15 percent from a year earlier. It stood around 124 per dollar on Wednesday afternoon.

The Bank of Japan responded to accumulating evidence of an economic downturn by radically relaxing its monetary policy last month.

The central bank promised to flood the banking system with excess liquidity, reducing short-term interest rates to zero in the process, and to maintain its ultra-easy stance until consumer prices stop falling.

But money supply figures released on Wednesday showed that the BOJ's policy of throwing free money at commercial banks had yet to percolate through to the real economy.

Growth in Japan's most widely watched measure of money supply—M2 plus certificates of deposit—slowed to a year-on-year rate of 2.6 percent in March from 2.7 percent in February.

In the past year, money supply growth has drifted in a range of 1.8-2.9 percent, and economists see no sign of it breaking out of that band in the near term.

"Marginal ups and downs have so far been caused by funds shifting between different components of the overall money supply, which has little macro-economic significance," said Yasunari Ueno, chief market economist at Mizuho Securities Co. Ltd.

"The BOJ's easing has not changed the basic picture of slow borrowing demand by companies and cautious consumer sentiment."

Reuters

A JAPANESE businessman studies share prices in front of a Tokyo brokerage as Tokyo stocks rose, lifted by a sharp rally on Wall Street on Tuesday. The benchmark 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average climbed 195.71 points, or 1.55 percent, to 12,815.98 at the end of the morning session. AP

Japan to revise down forecast

TOKYO—Japan plans to revise down its economic growth forecast for the current fiscal year because of economic weakness in the United States, a major newspaper has reported.

Late last year, Japan set a target of 1.7-percent growth for fiscal 2001 through the end of next March.

But the mass-circulation Asahi newspaper said the government was forced to change its outlook due to the "worsening of the domestic economy" caused by weaknesses in the US economy.

The United States, the world's largest economy, is Japan's biggest trading partner.

The Asahi newspaper said officials would work out the size of the revision after June, when the government releases gross domestic product data for the January-March period and the current fiscal year.

GDP is the total value of goods and services produced in the nation.

The newspaper, which did not identify its sources, said the expected revision might target growth at less than one percent.

Other negative factors hitting the economy to be considered in the revision were corporate bankruptcies and worsening unemployment as banks write-off massive bad debts, the report said.

Last Friday, Japan unveiled an emergency package that set a two-year deadline for major banks to dispose of their riskiest bad loans, estimated to total 13 trillion yen ($104 billion). *AP*

IMF team starts Indonesia review

JAKARTA—An International Monetary Fund review team, which started crucial talks here Wednesday with the Indonesian government, would likely spend two weeks studying the country's economic reform program, IMF Asia Pacific director Anoop Singh said.

"We will have to see. It depends on how fast we work," Singh told reporters after a breakfast meeting Wednesday with the country's top economic and legal officials.

Chief Economics Minister Rizal Ramli, Finance Minister Priyadi Praptosuharjo, Trade and Industry Minister Luhut Panjaitan, Bank Indonesia deputy governor Anwar Nasution, and Attorney General Marzuki Darusman met the seven-member team on the first day of their visit. *AFP*

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Ford recalls 2002 Explorers to fix possible window defect

DETROIT—Ford Motor Co. on Tuesday said it was recalling its all-new 2002-model Explorer and Mercury Mountaineer sport-utility vehicles, 12,669 of which were already in customer hands, to correct a possible design problem with the rear window.

The problem, which can cause the glass in the rear liftgate to detach or shatter when the liftgate is closed, is just the latest setback for the world's No. 2 automaker, whose brand name was severely tarnished by last year's crisis over deaths and injuries in rollovers of the popular Explorer SUV fitted with certain Firestone tires.

Ford spokesman Mike Vaughn said there had been 35 complaints from customers and dealers so far about the liftgate window problem. Brackets that hold the glass in place could loosen, he said.

He said 55,652 Explorers and Mountaineers, produced between Feb. 5 and March 30, were believed to be affected by the problem, or nearly 70 percent of the new SUVs produced so far.

There have been no reports of injuries stemming from the window problem and Vaughn said that, in calling attention to it, Ford was seeking to address "a potential quality issue," not something directly related to safety.

He also said Tuesday's action was not a recall, in the strict legal sense of the term as it is used by Detroit automakers, but "a customer notification program."

At Ford's expense, Vaughn said, dealers are offering to pick up the 12,669 SUVs already sold and provide customers with a free rental car, or loaner vehicle, while the liftgate is inspected and, if necessary, repaired. The vehicles will be returned to customers washed and with a full tank of gas, he said.

The liftgate problem is the first to mar the launch of the 2002 Explorer and Mountaineer. Ford began shipping the vehicles to dealers in late February. The launch, seen as key to both profitability and the reputation for quality at Ford, was delayed for months to detect any problems with the vehicles before their roll-out.

The new model Explorer, which is wider and far more stable than its predecessors, marks the first complete overhaul of America's top-selling SUV since its debut in 1990.

Ford has vigorously defended the safety of the older model. But Ford chair William Clay Ford, in remarks to an automotive seminar in New York on Monday, said the company had been hurt by the furor over last summer's massive recall of 6.5 million Firestone tires.

"Our reputation is the most precious asset we manage," Ford said. "After last year's Firestone tire recall, everyone at Ford Motor Co. has a very clear understanding of the downside risks to reputation and what they can do to you." *Reuters*

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Judge threatens to shut Napster website down

SAN FRANCISCO—A US District Court judge said Tuesday she would consider shutting Napster down if it could not comply with her order to keep copyrighted music off the popular music-swapping website.

Judge Marilyn Hall Patel called the company's efforts "disgraceful" and scolded Napster attorneys for saying they could not keep users from sharing copyrighted music.

"You created this monster, you figure it out," Patel said angrily before a packed courtroom.

The Recording Industry Association of America and others in the music business have accused Napster of flouting Patel's March 5 order commanding the site to cull copyrighted music.

Judge Patel was angered after lawyers for the record companies said thousands of copies of digitized copies of rock 'n' rolls tunes like "Jail House Rock" were still available on the system.

The record company lawyers also said 84 percent of the hundreds of thousands of copyrighted songs were still on the system.

Napster lawyers countered that the company has spent millions over the last five weeks filtering such copyrighted songs off the network.

"I think this is disgraceful," the judge said after listening to the reports on Napster's filtering efforts.

Napster attorney Jonathan Schiller appeared stunned on the steps of the federal courthouse after the tirade, saying that the judge was "not criticizing Napster" and that Patel's comment showed Napster's progress "was of concern to her."

"When a judge says your efforts are disgraceful, you know something is wrong," countered Cary Sherman, an attorney with the RIAA, at the same courthouse press conference.

Earlier this year, Patel ruled that Napster contributed to the wholesale copyright infringement and ordered the site to immediately remove copyrighted songs.

That order would have shut the system—more than 80 percent of the songs on the site are copyrighted, say court records.

But an appeals court panel said Patel's original order went overboard, and said Napster was only responsible for those titles that the record companies said were copyrighted.

Judge Patel also announced Tuesday the assignment of a "technical expert" to advise her about technologies available to Napster to assist it in keeping copyrighted songs off the system.

The judge also took under advisement various motions by record music company publishers and independent musicians to obtain class action status, and to dismiss various individuals from the litigation.

In this last matter, the judge hinted that she would entertain notions of holding Napster executives individually liable for contributing to copyright infringement, telling a record company attorney to "have the guts to put that in your claim." *AFP*

Japan's NTT to set up new company

TOKYO—Japanese telecoms giant Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corp. will set up a new company to launch high-speed Internet services.

The new unit would use fiber optic cable networks owned by group company NTT East Corp. to provide the broadband Internet services, the Asahi Shimbun reported, quoting the group's three-year plan due out next week.

The company, set to become a core unit of the NTT group, would start operations as early as July, the paper said.

The management plan also includes cuts to the group's workforce through restructuring of the East and West regional operating units.

An NTT spokeswoman declined to confirm the report, saying the plan had yet to be finalized.

The report came a day after Japan's Cabinet approved bills designed to spur growth in the telecoms industry by lifting limits on foreign ownership of NTT and to help the East and West units expand their Internet businesses.

The bill is expected to be passed during the current parliamentary session, which ends on June 29, but NTT decided to move ahead of the law changes, the report said. *AFP*

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d) Labis kaming nababahala sa malaking pagkalugi noong nakaraang taon ng United Coconut Planters Bank (UCPB) sa ilalim ng pamamatnugot dito ng mga taong itinalaga ng tiwaling administrasyong Estrada. Nababahala rin kami sa naiulat na katiwalian sa San Miguel Corportation (SMC) dala ng panghuhuthot ng mga cronies, kabit at kamag-anak ni Estrada. Hinihingi naming kusang-loob na magbitiw ang mga direktor na itinalaga ni Estrada sa mga korporasyong gumagamit ng coconut levy. Wala silang kakayahan at wala silang karapatang manatili sa mga puwesto nila.

e) Hinihiling namin sa Pangulong Gloria Macapagal Arroyo na agarang magtalaga ng mga taong may kakayahang patakbuhin nang mabuti ang mga korporasyong pinondohan mula sa coconut levy. Ang mga taong ito na itatalaga sa UCPB. SMC, CIIF companies, Cocolife at Unichem ay dapat kumakatawan sa mga magsasaka at manggagawa sa niyugan at may pananagutan sa kanila.

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APC NOT AS LUCKY

BOI to allow Ford's SKD importation

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE BOARD of Investments is leaning toward endorsing Ford Motor Co. Philippines Inc.'s request to bring in 2,000 semi-knocked down (SKD) units of its compact sport utility vehicles (SUV) Ford Escape at preferred duties while blocking Auto Prominence Corp.'s similar application for 1,050 units of Volkswagen Gol and 520 units of Volkswagen Parati.

Trade Secretary Manuel "Mar" Roxas II said the BOI was more inclined to support Ford's SKD application because the American car giant had infused investments into the country.

Ford, which high-tailed out of the Philippines in 1984, came back into the country in 1998 by sinking $150 million into a local manufacturing complex at the Greenfield Autopark in Sta. Rosa, Laguna. Roxas said that Ford's investments showed its earnestness in making the Philippines one of its production bases in the region.

Although Malacañang has the sole authority to grant SKD import licenses, its decision is largely based on the endorsement of the BOI which runs the Motor Vehicle Development Program.

In contrast, the BOI is cold to APC's SKD application considering the company's failure to live up to its investment commitments several years ago.

APC was formerly Proton Pilipinas which racked up P486 million in debt and was unable to fulfill its obligation to go into completely knocked down assembly after getting a license to import SKD units of Malaysia's Proton sedan.

Roxas said that after granting an SKD license to Ford, the BOI would move to permanently stop SKD importation.

SKDs are virtually fully assembled vehicles without tires and batteries, and are charged only 3 percent to 10 percent duties compared to the 30 percent slapped on completely built up (CBU) units. The BOI prefers assemblers to import CKD units to provide a market for local parts makers.

The BOI has discontinued SKD importation under the MVDP a few years ago because it felt that the market has already matured and has been adequately served by existing players. SKD imports are meant to entice assemblers to come into the Philippine market particularly during the late 1980s when there were only two assemblers and consumers had less than a handful of models to choose from.

Assemblers are allowed to start their operations from SKD packs but they are obliged to shift to the assembly of CKD packs within 18 months of operations.

ECE's ₱1-B theme park gets perks

THE BOARD of Investments has granted pioneer incentives to ECE Realty and Development Inc.'s Fantasy World project, a P1-billion theme park and resort currently under construction in Batangas.

The BOI said Fantasy World was eligible for incentives because it met the minimum investment requirement of P1 billion for pioneer projects. The project is eligible for incentives under the 2000 investment priorities plan being a special interest resort endorsed by the Department of Tourism.

Based on its application, ECE is spending P794.6 million for furniture, fixtures and equipment or more than 20 times what it spent in buying the 30-hectare lot (P38.397 million) and nearly five times what it spent for site development (P166.025 million).

ECE, which is majority owned by the Ching family, had intended to make the project a membership club where members, their dependents and guests can use the club facilities exclusively. However, ECE has changed its strategy by opening the facility to the public at affordable costs.

The project has long been on the drawing board having received DOT's endorsement in 1997. ECE said that it started acquiring land in January 1999 while site development began in October 1999.

A BOI inspection team reported that ECE has already completed the centerpiece castle, landscaping, the main gate and main roads while the clubhouse and the 504-room hotel were still under construction. The project is targeted for launching in January next year.

The project is situated on a rolling terrain along Diokno Highway, Lemery Batangas, that boasts of a mild climate and a spectacular view of Lake Taal and Taal Volcano.

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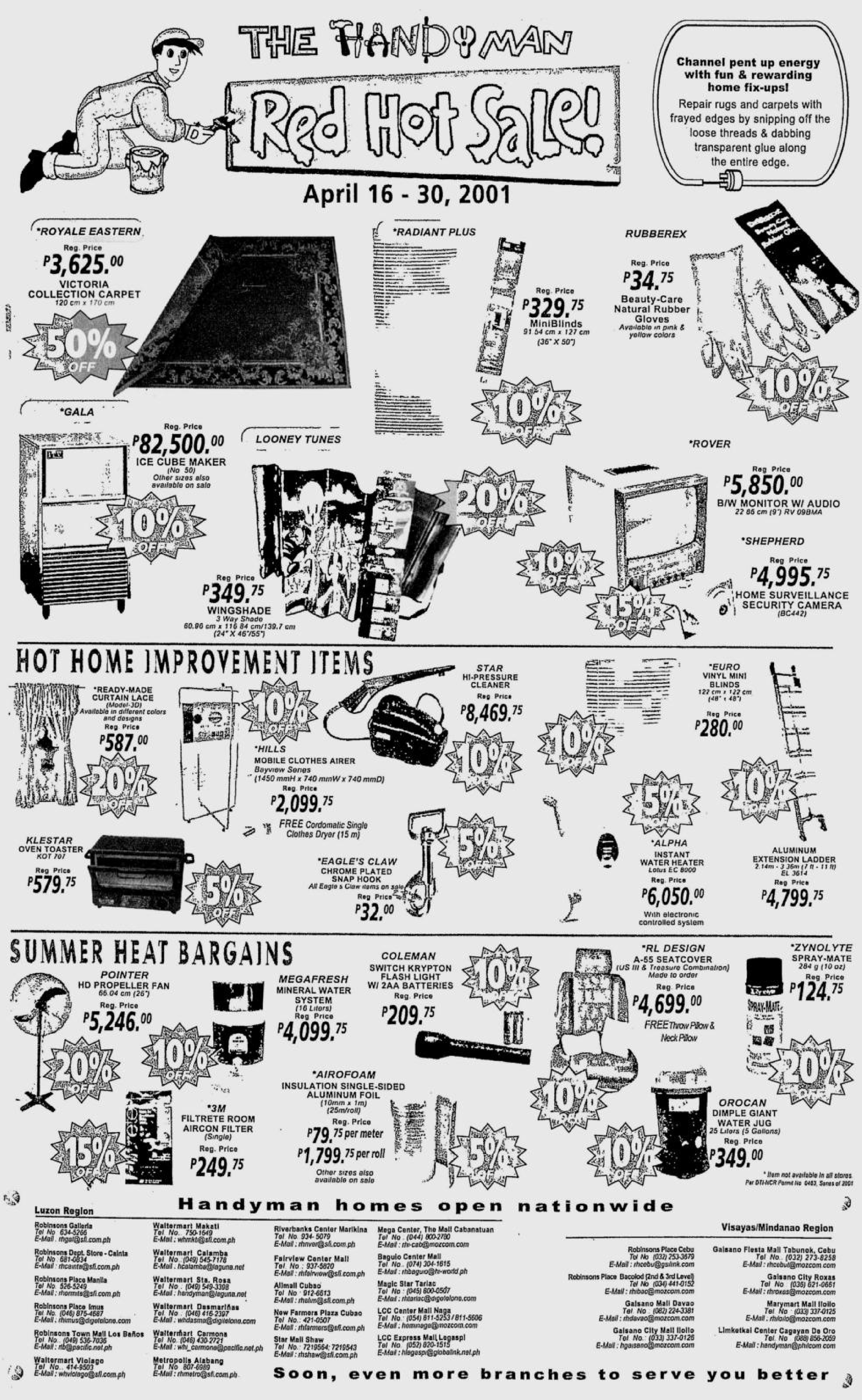

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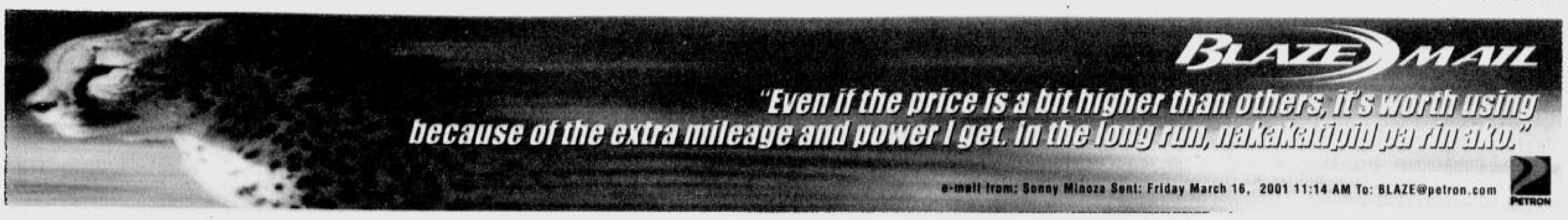

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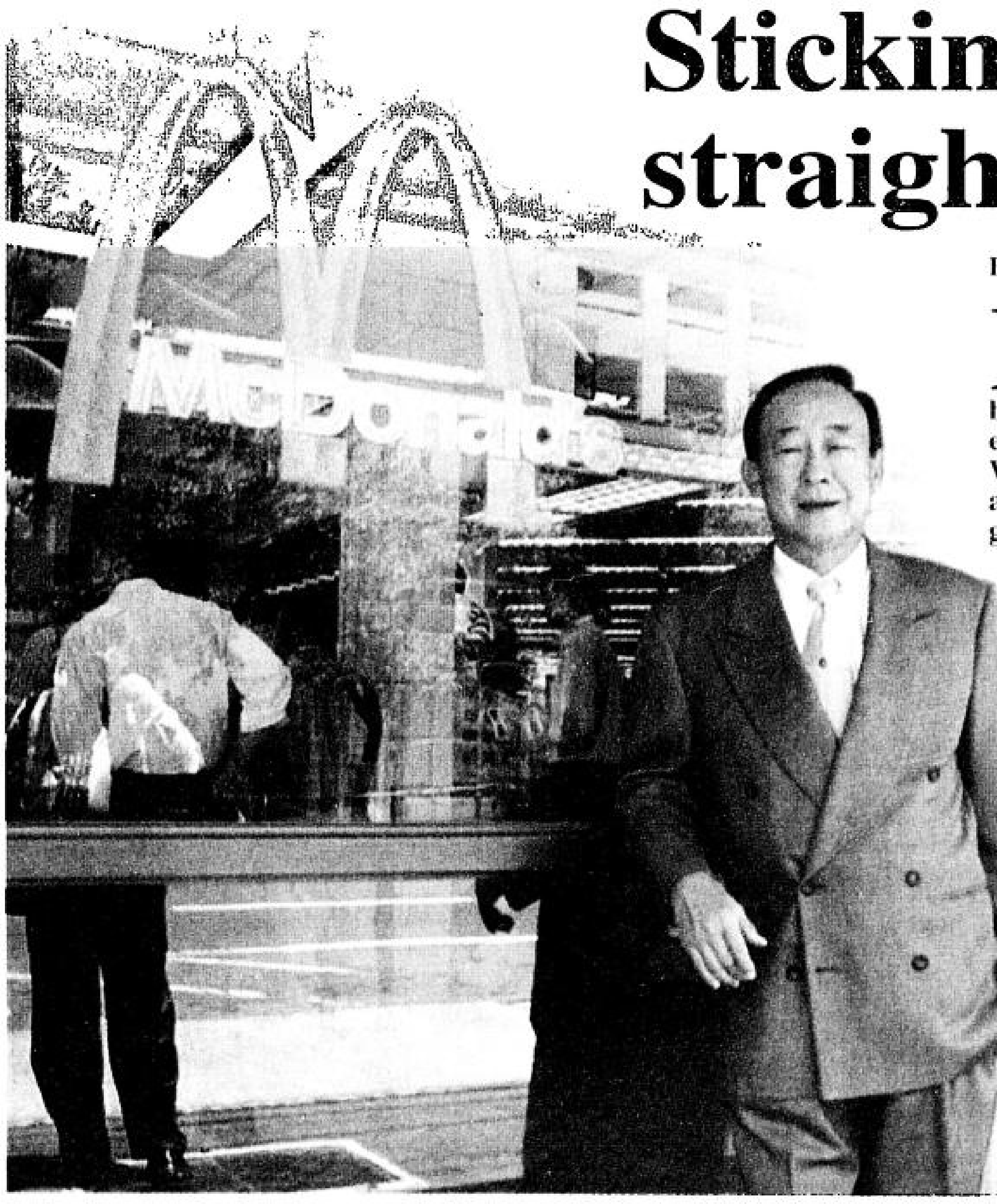

GEORGE T. YANG admits he has so much on his plate already but his mind "continuously works" and he cannot say when a new idea will pop up in his mind. ROGER CARPIO

BY MARGIE QUIMPO-ESPINO

HE loves quarter pounders (with no cheese); he declines to reveal his age but describes himself as "young enough"; he has an MBA from Wharton, a doting grandfather, and wishes he could play more golf.

This, in gist, is George T. Yang, the local franchise holder of McDonald's, the world's largest hamburger chain.

His people say he was angry when the INQUIRER made the mistake of reporting that the US firm had bought back his shares because the Philippines is the only country in the world where McDonald's is not No. 1.

But when we faced him, he was very light about the issue. He seemed more hurt than angry but he was quite understanding and even explained what caused the misimpression which led to the wrong report.

Yang says the rumors about the "buy-out" started a couple of years ago and had been etched as facts in many people's minds.

The issue started when he got an American managing director to run the day-to-day operations of McDonald Philippines. The American was quite high profile and was the one "facing the public" thus creating the impression that the American firm had taken over.

But Yang says the delegation of the day-to-day management was necessary to allow him to focus on strategic tasks like approving the new sites and setting the overall direction of the firm.

Getting the franchise

His being hurt over the report though is understandable as it took Yang almost six years to bring McDonald's into the country and it was given to him on his own merits. He says he bested bigger and richer companies and individuals.

Asked what was the clincher, why McDonald's gave him the franchise, Yang only says, "There were many people and their approach was as big businessmen—that if I win this or if you give this to me I have so many contacts. They (McDonald's) don't really care for that. What they care about is the dedication. They want my time. In fact I didn't have much money then but they supported me, they guaranteed my loans."

McDonald's guaranteed a P15-million loan from Citibank for Yang in 1981.

Two firms were set up—the Golden Arches Development Corp. which is a joint venture between Yang and the US firm; and McGeorge Food Industries Inc., the franchise holder and the issues of local franchisees. Golden Arches is tasked with buying, leasing the real estate for McDonald's stores.

"It's the company that borrows and deals with the banks," he says.

As to why he opted to pursue McDonald's out of all the franchises he could have gone after, Yang explains:

"I thought it was a business that's straightforward, clean-cut. I don't have to do anything that's difficult. It's clean, literally. It's very wholesome. I think the word is it's a wholesome business for me and my family and for the public. Our focus are family and kids and providing good quality food and good service."

To him a service that caters to children is important because to him "they are the lifeblood of the future."

"The franchise was given to me personally. If I'm not there, there is no franchise," he proudly says.

Beginnings

Yang claims he comes from middle class beginning, but it might have been more upper class.

His grandfather migrated to the Philippines from China and became an insurance agent. His grandfather whom he says he learned a lot from, eventually set up his own insurance brokerage called United Insurance.

Yang says he became a shareholder of the firm through his own efforts.

After finishing college, he worked briefly for a bank and then went to the Wharton School of Business.

Yang ventured into several businesses afterward. Other than insurance he says he was into the "marketing of cigarettes." He also operated a jewelry factory with 50 workers in Cubao. His wife eventually took over the business, known as Kristine's jewelry. He also had to sell his shares in the insurance firm.

"I had to give that up because of McDo," Yang says.

Growth

Today, McDonald's racks up sales of P8 billion (as of last year), employs over 10,000 employees, and has 235 stores.

The figures are impressive, but the sales figure is only half that of its largest competitor, Jollibee, which racked up sales of P15.4 billion last year and has 374 stores.

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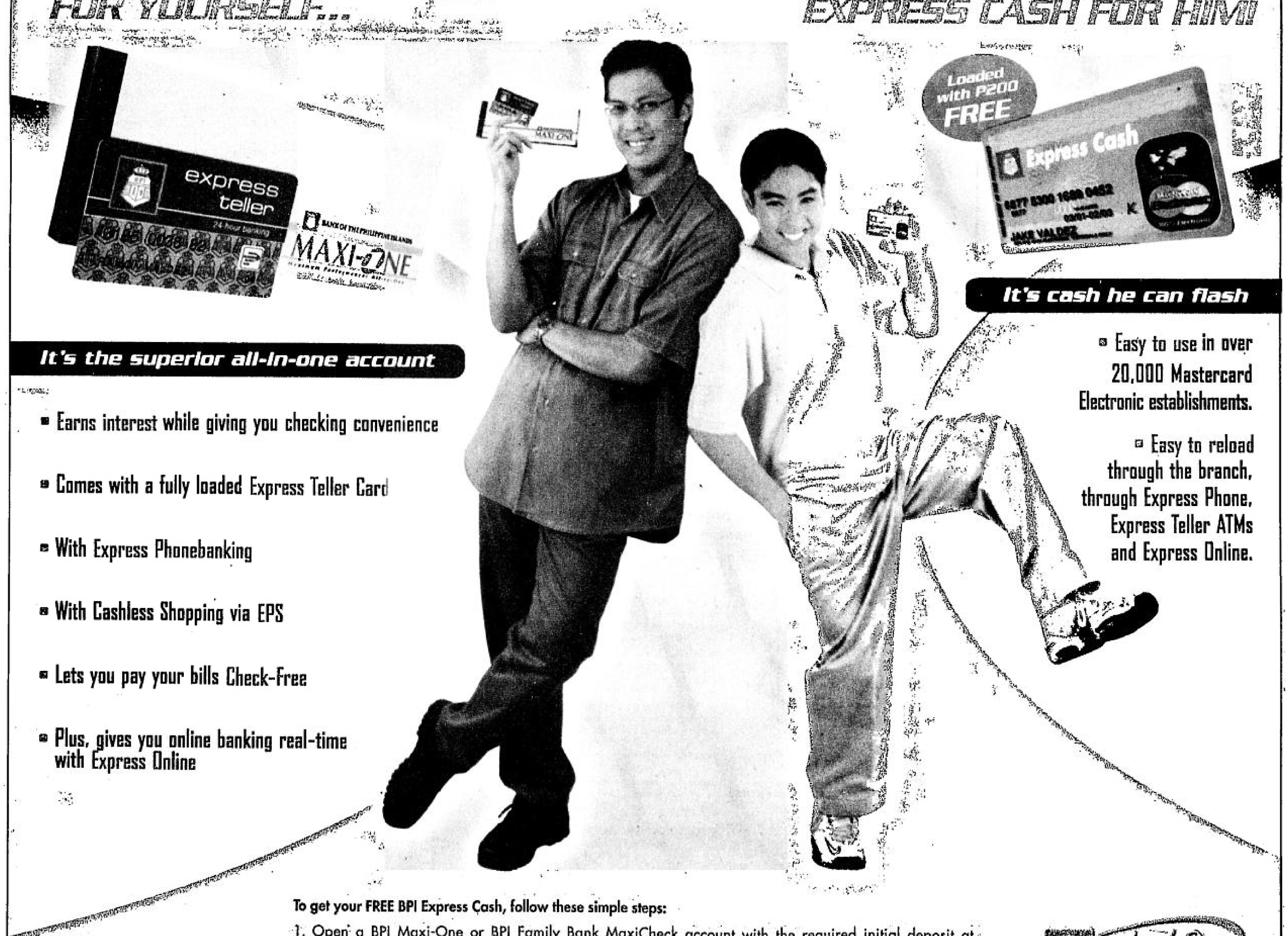

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Story of Maria

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The young Maria

The young Maria—was 18 years old, a daughter of a farmer in Batangas. She has stopped going to university due to poverty. She helps her mother in selling goods in the market. But she has not given up her dream to be an engineer. One day, she decides to go to the big city to pursue her dream and to alleviate the plight of her family.

Maria's first visit

The first step. A second year Engineering undergraduate armed with a purpose, Maria applies in Integrated Microelectronics Inc. (IMI). She hurdles oral and written exams, and medical tests. She gets hired as contractual operator.

First job—a shocker (Year 1).—Maria is awed by what she sees in the workplace. Everything is very orderly and clean. People wear bunny suits. Modern equipment looks intimidating.

To help her get acquainted with her work environment, the company gives Maria an orientation on company values and code of conduct. She acquires needed technical skills through a Skills Acquisition and Certification Program before joining the production line. Then, she is made to attend Core Training Programs on Quality such as Final Visual Inspection (FVI) and 5S.

A radical change from independence occurs in Maria's life. Away from her family, she lives in a boarding house, meets new friends, and budgets her earnings. She has learned to adapt to her new situation, away from her parents.

She learns to value time, reporting on time for work and other appointments. During her spare time, she reads materials related to her work.

Hurdled

Regularization hurdled (Year 1-Year 4). Maria becomes a regular employee after six months. She attends council meetings where she voices out her concerns and even speaks for her fellow employees. She realizes the importance of communication for smooth working relationships. She joins volleyball games, singing competition and other employee relations programs to achieve a work-life balance.

She attends a workshop on IMI Core Values and aligns her personal values with those of the company.

She joins quality circle activities and learns problem-solving techniques such as Fishbone Diagram and Pareto Analysis. She also learns about Kanban system or Just-in-Time and other manufacturing systems. She has developed self-confidence, overcoming insecurity of inexperience. Her outstanding performance is recognized through merit-based salary increase every six months.

Chosen

Because of her diligence at work and ability to learn fast, Maria gets chosen to go to Japan for training on a new model. The Filipino trainees make a good impression on the Japanese. In fact, their production line performs better than the Japanese lines. The trip abroad has instilled in Maria pride in the Filipino's ability and competitiveness. After her overseas training, she is given the task of handling a P25 million ion milling machine.

As a regular employee, Maria enjoys company benefits such as vacation leave, sick leave, and medical and insurance benefits. She sends some money to her family in Lipa, and supports a brother in his schooling (the family connection remains strong).

First test of leadership (Year 4-Year 6). Toward the end of her fourth year in the company, Maria's work attitude earns for her a promotion to group. She handles 50 operators. Her basic function is to ensure that the line does not run out of materials and that stations are fully manned.

She receives training on People Handling Skills including counseling and handling grievances, and productivity programs including module setup, standard time monitoring, Lot Acceptance Rate (LAR) and yield measurement, WIP tracking, and Kaizen or continuous improvement

All these are important in Maria's transition from learner to contributor.

She guides her quality circle in their activities and their project generates some savings for the company. This time she realizes the value of teamwork.

Maria has not forsaken her dream to obtain an engineering degree. Fortunately for her, the company offers an in-house BS Engineering program. She applies and, after a grueling screening process, gets accepted to the company's continuing education program.

Boyfriend

She becomes active in their barangay, and even becomes a role model after imparting 5S system to their Samahang Nayon.

On the personal side, she meets her boyfriend.

Rising up the careeer ladder (Year 6-Year 9). After 2 years as group leader, Maria gets promoted to supervisor. She now handles 130 employees. Her primary task is to exceed the target given by the customer in terms of productivity and quality. She understands the functions of each equipment and, if necessary, makes program alteration.

She gets training on planning, leading, organizing and controlling. She also learns direct labor cost monitoring.

She goes to Japan for the second time for Enhancement Training on Process Improvement Techniques including Dynamic Electrical Test (DET) and Flying Height Test (FHT).

The quality circle she leads gets to represent the company and win in the regional and national QC competitions.

Facilitator

As a supervisor, Maria has transformed from contributor to facilitator. She values setting objectives and seeing to it that these are met. All the knowledge and skills she has learned and the responsibilities she has assumed are part of her empowerment.

It is a dream come true for Maria when she graduates from the Continuing Education Program. She cries as she receives her college diploma. Her parents are so proud of her.

On the personal side, Maria and her co-employees sign up as Namfrel volunteers. She puts up a *sari-sari* store for her parents.

She marries her boyfriend.

Another career milestone (Year 10-Year 15). On her 10th year with the company, Maria gets promoted to senior supervisor. She handles 400 people.

From trainee to trainor. She now trains and guides people in acquiring skills and technical know-how.

She learns about Environment Management System (EMS), safety programs, quality systems, failure mode and effect analysis, and preventive maintenance (PM). At the same time, she learns about the technology deeper, i.e. ESD, UV and photo lithography, in order to innovate in process improvement. She engages in benchmarking activities, resulting in the adoption of best practices.

On the personal side, she joins company-sponsored medical outreach program as part of her community service. She acquires a residential lot. With so much excitement, she gives birth to her first baby.

Successful professional and mother (Year 16-Year 19). On her 16th year with the company, she becomes a manager and a full fledged member of management. She now has 720 people under her. Her group generates P7 million revenue per month.

Big change

A big change is happening once more in her career. As a manager, she is more focused on managing people and the business done as a whole rather than simply the technical side. Among her concerns are reduction of customer's time-to-market, and business development and technical competency building in accordance with the customer's technical roadmap. While the learning continues for herself, objectives are achieved through her people.

She gets exposure in strategic planning and goal deployment, Networking and enhancing customer relations, and financial analysis. She becomes more aware of technological developments and market trends. She is now adept at using the computer in making reports, preparing for e-commerce.

She relies on her experience in leading her group and implementing innovation. Younger employees regard her as their mentor.

She gets to represent the company in industry association meetings as well as in customer visits abroad.

On the personal side, she joins Habitat for Humanity to build a house for the less privileged. She now uses a car going to work and later builds her own house through a loan she has obtained from the company. Another gem arrives— her second child.

Summary

To summarize, the company has provided Maria interventions like training, opportunities for development and growth, and opportunities for leadership to enhance her knowledge and skills, and, consequently, improve her life.

Maria's career path

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More trade may lead to less corruption

By Dennis M. Arroyo

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THERE is a relationship between foreign trade and domestic corruption.

One pattern is that corruption lessens trade with other countries. After all, foreign partners will be turned off by corrupt customs personnel. They will find repulsive the deliberate foot-dragging of the bureaucracies.

A Japanese businessman thinking of importing fruits from the Philippines will not think kindly of itching palms who handle the paper work. He may consider finding another country to deal with.

But there's another side to the relationship. What seems to be the effect may actually be the cause. It seems that being less open to trade promotes corruption.

My source is the article "Closed Borders and Open Palms" which appeared in The Economist, Sept. 7, 2000.

The article cites this interesting paper on the subject by Shang-Jin Wei of Harvard University. In trying to find out if little foreign trade promotes corruption, he coins the concept of "natural openness."

First, he calculates general openness as total trade (exports plus imports) divided by gross national product or GNP. He separates this into two parts, natural openness and residual openness. Natural openness refers to factors like languages spoken and geography.

Wei found that almost 60 percent of openness arises from such natural factors.

Ability with English is the most important component in natural openness.

Those nations whose people can understand English tend to trade more often.

His hypothesis is that nations that are naturally more inclined to trade have more to gain from stopping corruption than those that do not export or import.

Getting corruption data from Transparency International, he found that indeed greater natural openness goes hand-in-hand with less corruption.

"Lowering of other fundamental barriers to trade through global liberalization and technological improvement will lead to lower corruption," says The Economist article.

The study also looks at how trade is linked with another factor related to corruption, the salaries of government employees. His thinking is that better-paid civil servants tend to be less corrupt. The higher your salary, the more you have to lose if you're fired for being corrupt. Having higher incomes also lessens the lure of getting more income through hanky-panky.

Wei's study found out a strong relationship between higher salaries for civil servants and a greater tendency to trade.

The Economist article thus argues for more trade liberalization.

"This could start a virtuous circle: decreasingly crooked chickens would lay the golden eggs of increasing trade," says The Economist. "To get the cycle and the virtue going, governments might encourage the growth of cross-border e-commerce through start-up grants for e-businesses and preferential tariffs or exemptions for some Internet-based imports."

Governments can also help by devoting more money for improving the use of English.

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Sticking it out . . .

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Yang says, however, the US firm does not mind that another firm dominates their arena.

"You know we are growing quite fast also. They keep comparing me to Jollibee. That's fine. But we have to grow at our own pace and we are happy with our growth. This is a worldwide brand and McDo is happy with our growth. We are bigger than many countries of Asia. There are 140 countries (where McDo is) and we are in the top 40," he says.

"The point is we are growing and we are creating an impact. We set the standards. You know it's others copying us rather than we copy. Others copy what we do and we are proud of that," he says.

These days, Yang says he gets to play golf compared with the time when he was running the day-to-day operations. This task is now being handled by his son, Kenneth and the firm's managing director, Joseph Lau.

He laughs that now the two do not have time to play golf.

Yang, however, still has the final say on new sites. He simply says that they made costly mistakes before so he wants to make the choices personally.

His main tool for choosing—instincts.

Other than McDonald's, Yang has chairmanships and directorships in 25 other companies. To name a few, he is the official licensee of Walt Disney so anyone who wants to use Walt Disney characters have to go through him.

He chairs Alliance Global Inc., a listed company which brings in the famous Piknik potato shoestring brand.

As to when he expects to retire, Yang cannot say.

"I would love to say I have enough on my plate but sometimes my mind is continuously working so I cannot tell my mind to stop and when the opportunity comes."

One of his latest ventures is the MC Home Depot which has branches in Makati and Ortigas.

Management style

Yang says his most important management tool is his instincts. He relies solely on this when making decisions.

On the whole he says he delegates the work but his door is always open to his management team.

"These guys still come to me at least once a week. The managing director would knock on my door and discuss things with me. And my son and Leila (Hernandez, McDonald's VP and Department Head—Marketing) and we discuss things but this is more on a broader level and not the details."

He claims to be computer illiterate though. "I don't know how to use a computer but my secretary knows how to use and when I want to send a fax, I call my driver. I don't know how to text but I know how to receive text. I only know how to call and answer the call. I don't know how to use the computer but my grandchildren know."

But he says he knows the functions and the power of computers and he has applied these in McDonald's.

As to whether his children will eventually take over McDonald's he says not necessarily. They have to prove themselves capable.

Yang has four children—three boys and a girl. Kenneth is working with him, Ritchie handles his real estate business, another boy is an investment banker with Lehman Brothers in Hong Kong, and his only daughter, a Stanford graduate, is working in Silicon Valley.

Asked how he ensures that his children will do well and not abuse the wealth they have grown up to he says "just by example. You know the kids are already born under different circumstances than you so instilling discipline is just by setting the example. I am very proud of my children."

Putting people first

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starts with learning and understanding and being a good follower. The next stage is applying what she has learned, and gaining additional knowledge and skills in the process. It also involves adoption of the company values and attitude. Then, she moves to the expanding stage which entails sharing her knowledge with others, taking a lead in projects and living the values. In the guiding or training stage, Maria contributes by acting as an adviser on technical issues and other areas of professional development. She acts as a role model for others. The stage she is in now is the mentoring. She now leads through experience and strategies which somehow determine the future of business. She is regarded as ideal leader by her people. This illustrates that learning is a continuous process.

After 19 years, Maria now—is a professional, a manager, a wife and a mother. There are more Marias and Marios in IMI with similar stories.

Conclusion

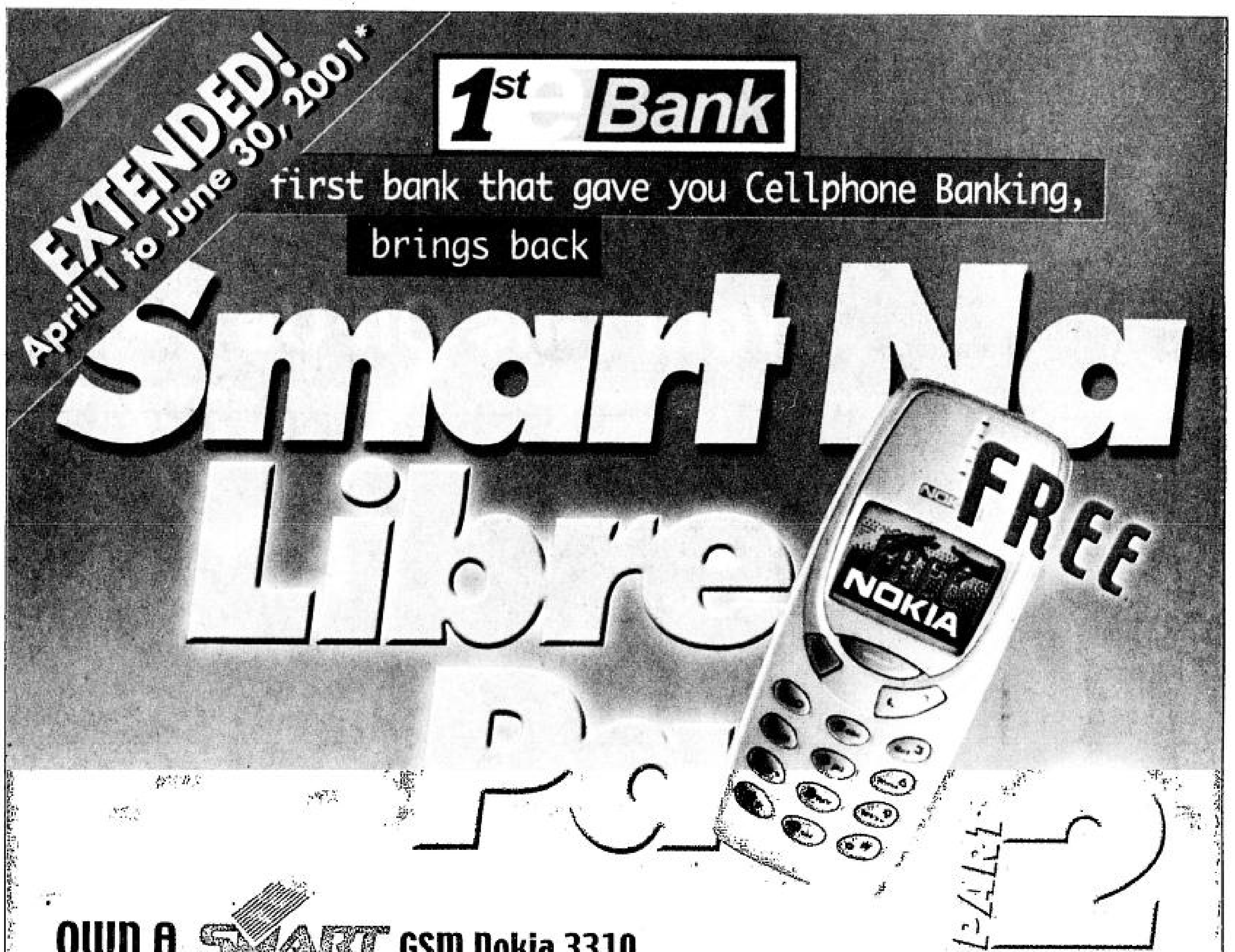
From the story of Maria, I can describe the Filipino worker as intelligent and highly trainable, adaptable to high technology job, capable of handling complicated tasks, and exceeds customer quality and productivity standards. Given the right environment and opportunities, the Filipino worker will always prove to be the competitive advantage of the country.

Parting message

My parting message for you:

"Successful people have at least one experience in common. Somewhere, sometime, someone cared about their growth and development."

(This article contains the speech delivered by the author, who is a member of the Management Association of the Philippines and group president of Integrated Microelectronics Inc., at the 6th Annual MAP Management Conference on 20 March 2001 at the Dusit Hotel. The MAP Secretariat and the author may be reached via mapsec-@globe.com.ph).



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Foreign life insurers eye India, face big challenges

BOMBAY—Foreign insurers are lining up to enter India's life insurance industry, lured by a population of more than one billion people.

But while the market may be rich in potential, newcomers face formidable challenges.

"India ranks very high as a country with enormous potential and one for which Sun Life is prepared to expend considerable resources of time, people and money," said Douglas C. Henck, executive vice president of Asian operations at Sun Life.

But Sun Life and other new arrivals have to battle for turf with Life Insurance Corp. (LIC), an entrenched state-run giant which dominated the industry for decades until India opened the sector to private and foreign insurers in 1999.

To complicate things further, many Indians are impoverished and ignorant of insurance—making product awareness a problem.

There are no official estimates of India's insurable population but industry estimates put it at about 400 million, more than three times the 115 million people insured by LIC.

A few foreign firms have set up shop through joint ventures with Indian firms and the number is expected to grow sharply.

Foreign insurers already in the country include Standard Life Plc, Prudential Plc, American Insurance Group (AIG) and Sun Life Financial Services of Canada .

Allianz AG is another big name poised to enter the market.

Asia the emerging market

N. Rangachary, chair of India's Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority, sees a 20-25 percent annual compounded growth in the number of policies issued in the next five years.

Insurers such as Sun Life and AIG see Asia as the emerging market for financial services. They see India and China as attractive destinations for insurance, with the promise of up to triple-digit growth against single-digit growth in mature markets.

China is probably a bigger market, but its policies are more restrictive with licenses being given on a city-by-city basis, insurance industry officials say.

"In India, we have a nationwide license. So we can grow as fast as we want to, provided we can manage the growth," said Edmund Tse, vice chair of life insurance at AIG which has an Indian venture with the Tata group.

"We will put in a lot of resources to accelerate the building up of our operations here," Tse said, adding it was difficult to expand operations in China because of its restrictive stance.

India's urban market, already exposed to financial services and wealth accumulation products, is also more sophisticated than its Chinese counterpart, Henck said.

In terms of premiums, LIC sees a growth of 30-40 percent in the next few years—implying collections of 500-550 billion rupees ($10.7 billion to $11.8 billion) by the financial year ending March 2002.

"Just a quarter of the market has been tapped. With new competition, we will have an expansion in the market as a whole," said N.C. Sharma, LIC's managing director.

Companies such as ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Co, Prudential's joint venture with Indian financial services major ICICI Ltd., will also tap the market.

"Insurance is partly a protection product and partly a savings product. So it is not that if you have invested with one company, you will not invest with another," ICICI's managing director Shikha Sharma said.

Awareness key to expansion

Events such as January's devastating earthquake in Gujarat highlight the need for insurance. The quake killed some 30,000 people and injured and left homeless many more.

Based on historical data, normally only about 10 percent of those hit by disasters are covered by insurance.

The relentless media coverage of the quake and its aftermath has helped to create awareness of insurance.

"Events like this are rare, but they do affect people's psyche. Overall, it does create some insecurity and different people may react to this differently, including taking more insurance cover," an industry official said.

Consumer awareness is the key for the market to realize its potential, said HDFC Standard Life's marketing head, Pankaj Seth.

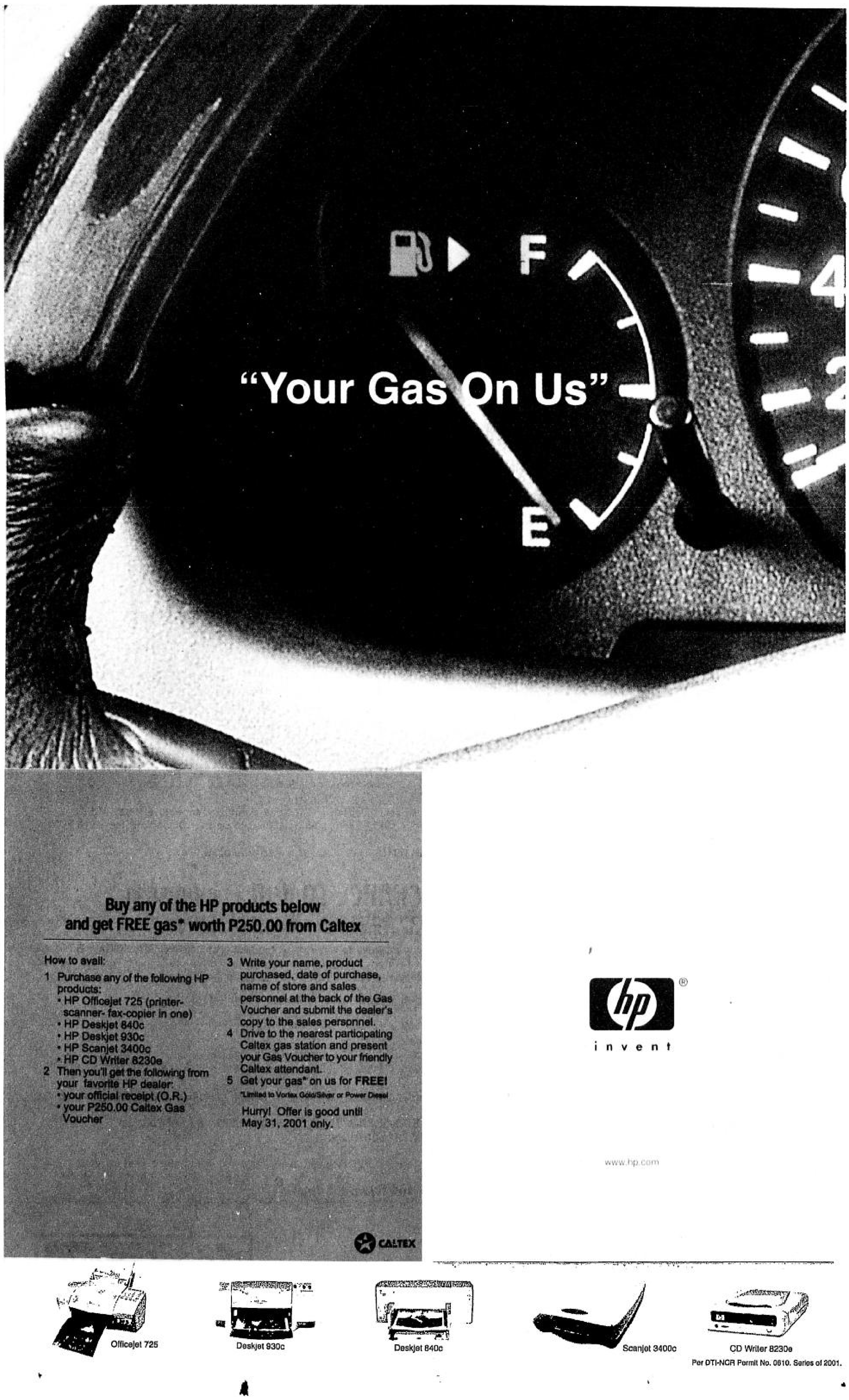
Standard Life has partnered with Indian mortgage major Housing Development Finance Corp. for its life venture.

Advertisements on billboards and in newspapers, colorful websites and kiosks explaining the need for insurance and products, have become common in recent months.

LIC gearing up

LIC, whose monopoly was once blamed for bland product fare and service quality, has been priming up for competition.

It is marketing its products more aggressively and identifying new markets, which it plans to tap with specially trained agents. It is eyeing wealthy individuals, industry bigwigs, overseas Indians and the pension market. *Reuters*



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New Holiday Inn Clark GM

BASS Hotels & Resorts announced the appointment of Andrew Langston as general manager of Holiday Inn Resort Clark Field in Pampanga.

Armed with an extensive knowledge of the hospitality industry, Langston has been with the BHR-acquired Southern Pacific Hotels for the last 14 years. Fresh from a three-year managerial stint with the 350-room Plaza Parkroyal in Singapore, Langston was also previously at the helm of the Islander Travelodge in Papua New Guinea, the Daydream Island Travelodge Resort in the Whitsunday Islands, Manly Pacific Parkroyal and Old Sydney Parkroyal in Australia.

Interesting too was his three-year work experience with the Buckingham Palace in England where he was attached to its British Royal Household where his responsibilities include attending meticulously to the day-to-day requirements of Her Majesty's Household and the facilities of the Palace which include among others, the Windsor Castle, Blamoral Castle, and the Royal Yacht Britannia.

MKI announces new appointees

K. K. GROVER, Philippines branch president of Midas-Kapiti International, brings over 25 years experience in the banking and information technology industry. After graduating with honors majoring in Physics from the University of Delhi, India, Grover went on to complete his MBA in 1974. After graduation, Grover joined the Bank of India, a leading bank in India with international operations.

Grover moved to Singapore in 1981 to head the bank's operation in Treasury, Trade Finance and Information Technology. His last position with the Bank of India was deputy general manager prior to joining Generale Bank (now Fortis Bank) in 1987. He joined MKI as senior banking consultant in Singapore responsible for Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia. He moved on to head MKI's operations in Indonesia from 1997 to 1999. After the tremendous growth in the company's business in Indonesia, Grover took on his current position as president of MKI in the Philippines in 1999.

Grover is very excited about the opportunity of bringing world-class software products used by 92 percent of the top 50 global banks into the Philippines. This is already beginning to show results with the top local banks like Metrobank, Equitable PCI, Union Bank, RCBC and Security Bank. These banks have already implemented some of MKI's systems. This is in addition to branches of top class international banks in the Philippines like Standard Chartered and Banco Santander who are MKI's global clients.

Extensive experiences

John Cary L. Ong is a senior ranking consultant for Midas-Kapiti International, Manila branch. Ong works as a consultant and business analyst for Opics, a front to back end treasury software system designed by MKI. Ong brings in extensive experience from his climb up the ranks in Citibank, from assistant trader, to trader, to trading desk head with a rank of assistant vice president in the Consumer Investments Business. Citibank provided the right grooming for Ong, which served as his banking and financial services career foundation.

Ong, immediately after graduating with honors (cum laude) from Ateneo de Manila University with a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in Legal Management in 1995, served as an Instructor/Lecturer for undergraduate students of the Ateneo in Operations Management, Business Statistics and Managerial Accounting.

Ong is a certified securities representative and earned a significant knowledge on investment securities, especially fixed income. He speaks fluent English, Filipino and Chinese.

Ruthie Dy, former project manager, is now customer relationship manager for Midas-Kapiti International. Dy, a Bachelor of Arts graduate in International Relations from Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, brings into MKI both Philippine and American work experience. As an investment consultant at Citibank in Manila, Dy excelled by achieving an average net sales volume by 200 percent against quota and a 170-percent increase in customer base. Prior to this, Ms Dy moved back to homeland Philippines after living in the United States for 13 years.

Dy was marketing specialist at Merrill Lynch in Princeton, New Jersey. She liaised with financial consultants from 185 branch offices in the Eastern Division by giving advice on how to develop marketing programs and seminars for prospective clients.

Dy's launch pad for excellence began as production coordinator for the global organization of Merrill Lynch. She managed five teams of graphic artists, editors and print production staff to produce all marketing and advertising materials for product launches on time and within budget. The teams' workload fluctuated between 85 to 100 simultaneous projects.

Immediately after graduation, Dy served as a research assistant for the US-Japan Business Council Inc., in Washington, D.C. at the CEO-level trade association comprised of over 60 Fortune 500 American firms. Dy speaks fluent English, Mandarin, Fookien, Filipino and Japanese. She received a Special Award while at MKI for ensuring Equitable's successful software upgrade last year.

Why Big Brown opts to set up hub in RP

BY MARGIE QUIMPO-ESPINO

A FEW years back, a major aircraft manufacturer was seriously considering setting up operations in the Philippines. The plan was prematurely announced and other countries immediately wooed the manufacturer with very attractive investment packages.

The Philippines lost the investment.

Fearful of the same thing happening, local organizers of the signing of a letter of intent (LOI) between officials of the United Parcel Service (UPS), the world's largest express carrier and package delivery company, and the Philippine government, to set up a hub at the Clark International Airport kept the story under wraps until the last day.

UPS is also called Big Brown because of its coffee brown colored trucks, ubiquitous worldwide.

The signing went smoothly enough last April 5, with President Macapagal-Arroyo, who was celebrating her birthday on that day, witnessing the event.

The event was labeled a $300-million investment but to Charles A. Adams, president of the UPS Asia-Pacific region, "the investment part is the least important."

"Everybody is focused on how much money we are investing in the Philippines. I think the investment part is the least important. We are providing jobs from one of the best companies in the world."

Adams says the hub is expected to employ 200 to 300 people directly. "Then you have the suppliers and vendors. So in two years you can have 600 to 700 working indirectly for UPS."

He admits that as a percentage to the 360,000 employees of UPS worldwide, the local employment is nothing. "But I do not care about percentage. I care about every single person that gets a good job who can provide a good life for his family. That's more important than the $300 million."

Besides, Adams admits, the $300 million will largely go to the aircraft, each of which costs some $50 million.

"First of all the $300 million is a number that seems to evolve. It is not going to be invested in a facility in Clark—that is a real stretch to say you are going to put $300 million for a facility. I don't know exactly how much we are going to put in the facility in Clark. The real issue here is airplanes and that's what costs."

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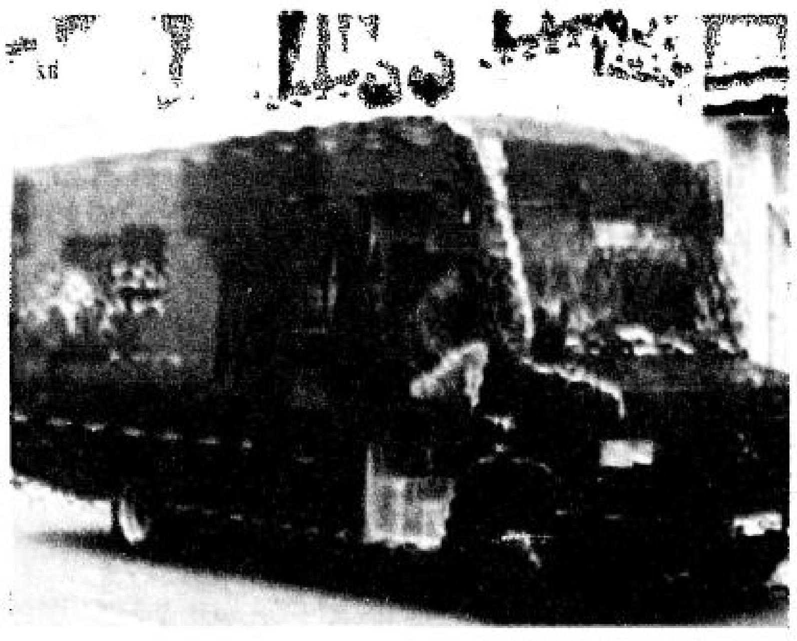

THE UBIQUITOUS coffee brown trucks of the parcel firm.

The hub will start with two 757s but Adams says this may go up to six.

Other contenders

Although the organizers managed to keep the deal under wraps, UPS itself was not blind to other options.

After setting up a hub in China, UPS knew it needed a link in Asia. Its choices were Cambodia, Vietnam and the Philippines.

It started looking at the Philippines in 1997 but its plans were shelved due to the effects of the Asian crisis.

"We really started going back and looking at what we wanted to do in early 2000," says Adams, a veteran of the Vietnam War whose first trip to Manila was in 1960 when he was with the US Army.

"We looked at the airport in Cambodia because Cambodia is relatively central. We looked at Vietnam which was a very, very strong contender, and has a good airport. But we kept on going back to the Philippines."

Cambodia was ruled out because of operational issues. "We draw a line to Vietnam because there are no air services agreement between the US and Vietnam. We go back to the Philippines which has a relatively good economy and a great deal of potential. It has a legal system that is understandable and the location is excellent. You have a workforce that is English-speaking and well-educated."

Location wise, the Philippines is strategic because it is in a central position in Southeast Asia that makes it possible for cargo aircraft to reach all major cities in Asia in less than four hours. This is vital in further enhancing the efficiency of the company's operations. By reducing travel time, UPS will also be able to provide better service to its Asia Pacific customers.

"We decided the Philippines was the most interesting location for an Asian hub and then looked at Naia, Cebu and then we went back and looked at Clark. We got our flight operations people and they are comfortable with the airport. We presented it to our board of directors in September 2000, it was approved and they told as to do it as quickly as we can."

Adams says UPS directors want the hub to be operational before the October 28, 2001 deadline they submitted.

Smooth sailing

Unlike some foreign investors in the past who complained about the difficulty in setting up shop in the Philippines, Adams says, "Our experience in establishing a hub in the Philippines has been very good."

But this may largely stem from their corporate philosophy of laying the groundwork first for further expansions.

"Everything UPS does is a building block approach. We never put the roof on without building the foundation. We've been building the foundation since 1988," Adam says.

UPS operations in the Philippines started in 1988 by appointing Delbros Inc., one of the country's transportation companies, as its service agent. On April 8, 1997, UPS and Delbros launched its joint venture to provide express delivery in the Philippines. UPS Delbros serves all addresses in the archipelago. The Philippine operations employ 171 employees with a delivery fleet of 47.

The target of the Clark hub is to deliver packages to Asia within a day and to the rest of the world within two days.

All about UPS

In its fact sheet, UPS states its revenues last year totaled $29.8 billion. For the same period, it delivered 3.5 billion packages and documents.

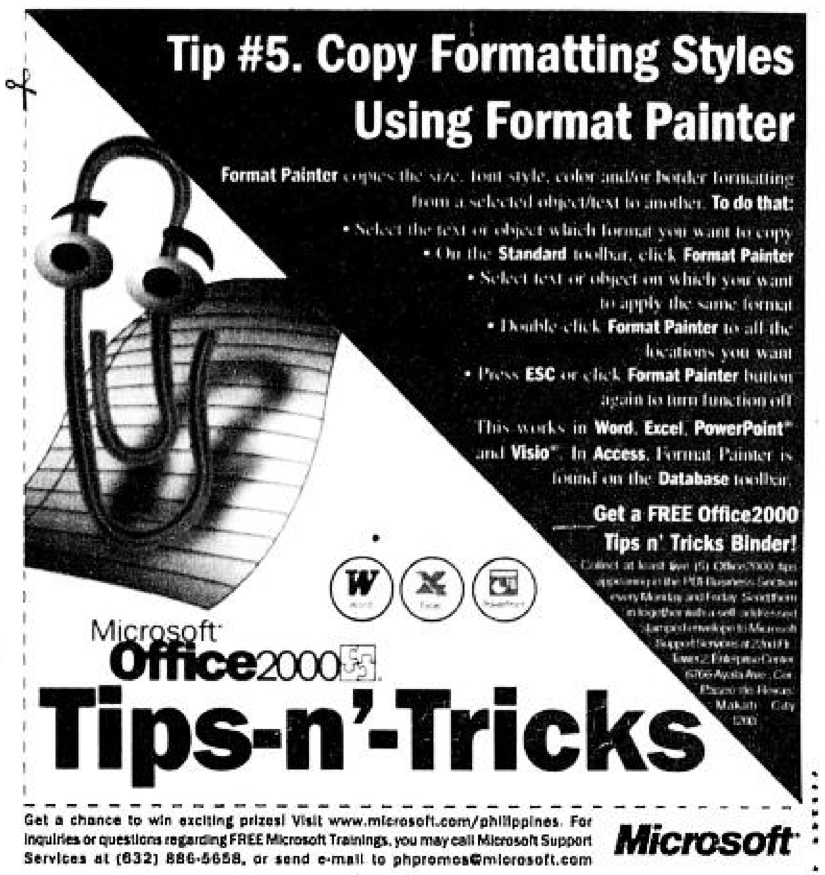
It was set up in Seattle. Washington in 1907 as a food delivery system which eventually evolved into a package delivery business. Its headquarters are in Atlanta, Georgia.

Every year it invests $1 billion for technology. The huge investment is largely due to the Internet.

Adams says that while most of its business in Asia is dictated by business to business (B2B), in the US, the Internet has created huge revenues from business to commerce (B2C).

"In the Internet, you buy something but somebody has to deliver . B2C is becoming a really big business which is a strength of UPS because we deliver to every address in the US."

Last year, studies show UPS delivered 55 percent of all orders posted in the Internet while the US Post Office took care of about 35 percent and the rest were delivered by various service groups.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Folks have yet to smarten up to the Smart Money card

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

DAN C. Ibarra, Smart Communications Inc. senior vice president for e-service keeps track of his family's expenses on a real time basic.

His Smart cell phone gives a "toot" every time one of his family members makes a purchase using Smart Money cards he gave them. Of course all cards are linked to his mobile bank account and money is automatically debited as soon as a purchase is made.

All his wife's and his children's transactions show up in his phone—the amount paid, the merchant or the place where the good was bought and the time and date of the transaction.

The transactions that register are not necessarily huge ones, like purchase of a new TV or a new watch, they are day-to-day purchases like paying for a hair cut, or buying a VCD (original).

SMART Money

FILIPINOS are still not attuned to e-cash.

This technology of linking an electronic payments card to a mobile banking account via a Smart GSM cellular phone cost the phone company P250 million to research. But Ibarra says recovery of investments will not take long. And the best part of it is that it is supposed to be the only one in the world and several countries want to buy the technology.

Smart linked up with MasterCard for this technology so it says from day one of its launch which was last December, the card can already be used in 13,000 establishments.

At present the key is to have a bank account where you can "source" the funds you are going to load in your card.

If you have the bank account and a Smart cell phone and the Smart money card you can transfer funds anytime, anywhere.

Of course, there are limits on the amounts you can transfer and Smart VP for Communications says they abide by the usual bank limits of P10,000 a day.

Ibarra claims they already have 60,000 activated Smart Money card users with at least one transaction averaging purchases of P600, double the P300 they estimated.

The problem still, Isberto admits is lack of education on the functions of the card.

He points out there are two major stumbling blocks on this technology—lack of awareness, and the look of the card.

On the look of the card, he points out that while it looks like a credit card it does not carry a name. But unlike a credit card, it is a swipe card, not a "zip-zap" card that can be the subject of numerous frauds.

Lack of awareness stems from the difficulty in explaining to the people the value of such a card. One has to do a transaction and see the purchase register in one's phone to fully appreciate its functions.

Primarily, Smart Money's functions are that it can be used for purchases; it is convenient in the sense that the value in the card can be reloaded; and it can be used for remote transactions.

The Smart Money can be used to order pizza at Little Caesars for example; or money can be transferred from one Smart Money holder to another.

Unlike previous e-cash cards launched in the past, however, loss of card may not necessarily mean loss of the money stored in it.

Isberto says with the link to the mobile bank, a cardholder can halt any transactions using the card by calling a hotline and giving the "M.COM" number.

Smart recently launched a variant of the Smart Money with its pre-paid Smart Money card. Anyone can purchase a card in any Shoemart Customer Service Center and use the card to shop.

Isberto says this removes the inconvenience of lining up at an ATM machine to withdraw money for shopping.

"ATM has lost its convenience because you have to bear with the queues," he says.

Ibarra says Smart is targeting other possibilities for the card. He says with the platform in place, various products can be launched.

Philippine furniture makers find niche for high-priced pieces

THE PHILIPPINES has established itself as a major global player in the furniture industry. We rank No. 8 among the top 10 exporters of furniture to the United States. It has succeeded in becoming a billion-peso industry. Ranked as No. 3 export winner next to electronics and garments, the export sales of the industry in the year 2000 totaled $382 million. The Philippines has maintained an average of 8.11 percent annual growth rate from 1995-1999, with the United States as the main export market for furniture.

The Philippines has created a niche in the middle to high-priced furniture pieces.

"The Philippines must create a market where we can win. Pitted against China and Indonesia, we lose out in the price war," states Malou Balano, executive director of the Chamber of Furniture Industries of the Philippines. Countries like China, Thailand and Indonesia have much lower labor costs and they have brought down their prices so low that they have captured the lower-end furniture market. Filipino furniture makers are now creating pieces that are of superior quality. Some of these beautiful furniture are now in the luxurious homes of the likes of the King of Saudi Arabia and the Sultan of Brunei Darussalam.

Our Filipino manufacturers are also keenly interested in targeting non-traditional markets, such as the Middle East. There are a lot of other prospects presented to the Philippine furniture industry, such as providing the furniture for the new hotels that will be constructed in the Greece Olympics to be held in 2004.

And yet, numerous challenges face the Philippine furniture industry. We are a superbly creative and ingenious people. At the moment, we are facing very stiff competition from countries like Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand and China. As early as 1998, Malaysia has recorded earnings of $1 billion while we only earned $382 million in the year 2000. The Filipinos' ingenuity with mixed media and exemplary artistry in furniture-making can only take us so far.

The CFIP has been lobbying for some improvements to better the status of the furniture industry vis-a-vis our competitors. The Chamber would like to have a Furniture Boulevard where it will permanently house showrooms of the best furniture makers in the country. With this infrastructure, it will not be necessary for foreign buyers to individually visit our suppliers. As things are now, they have to fly to Manila then travel to Pampanga or Cebu to see these suppliers when there are no furniture shows in progress. This is a feature by which Malaysia and Indonesia are able to facilitate the sales of foreign buyers. "Just one non-performing asset of the government can be assigned for this purpose. Its returns and benefits will greatly impact on the economy," says Balano.

Second, the CFIP is lobbying for the renewal of the Capital Investment Act which enables exporters to buy their capital inputs without duties. The Capital Investment Act expired in 1998. On top of the 10-percent VAT, there is a 3-percent tax imposed on machinery, materials and tools used for production and manufacturing which hike up the prices of Philippine-manufactured furniture making its pricing less competitive when compared to other Asian countries.

Third, financing should be made more accessible to furniture-makers. The furniture industry is 90 percent composed of small and medium enterprises. The CFIP receives feedback from its members regarding difficulty in procuring financing. "They ask for hard collateral when we open letters of credit. But they often undervalue these collateral," says Balano.

Finally, to improve the Philippines' competitiveness in the world market, the government could reduce duties on interisland shipping. Exporters have found it cheaper to ship containers from Manila to Hong Kong than for example Manila to Davao. If this situation persists, we will continue to lose out to our competitors because the cost of some imported goods come out lower than the local goods.

Despite these drawbacks, the Philippine furniture industry with the CFIP at the helm remains very positive about this year's prospects. The CFIP mounted the Philippine International Furniture Show held in Manila and Cebu last February. There were about 1,000 foreign buyers who participated in the Furniture Show. "We are considered the Milan of Asia when it comes to furniture-making," Balano points out.

In May this year, there will be another big furniture show at SM Megamall where Filipino furniture manufacturers will make their work available for local consumers. Later in the year, the industry will be celebrating the Furniture Week featuring a major conference and an exhibit of the latest trends in Philippine furniture manufacturing.

The CFIP acknowledges the help and technical support of companies like 3M Philippines. The 3M Abrasives Division, which carries the high-quality abrasives used for the finishing of furniture, goes way beyond making the sale. 3M provides technical information about the use of its products to make sure that manufacturers utilize the appropriate materials for the right purpose. Small and medium manufacturers have access to this information through the roving DEMO van of 3M Philippines. It goes to different provinces

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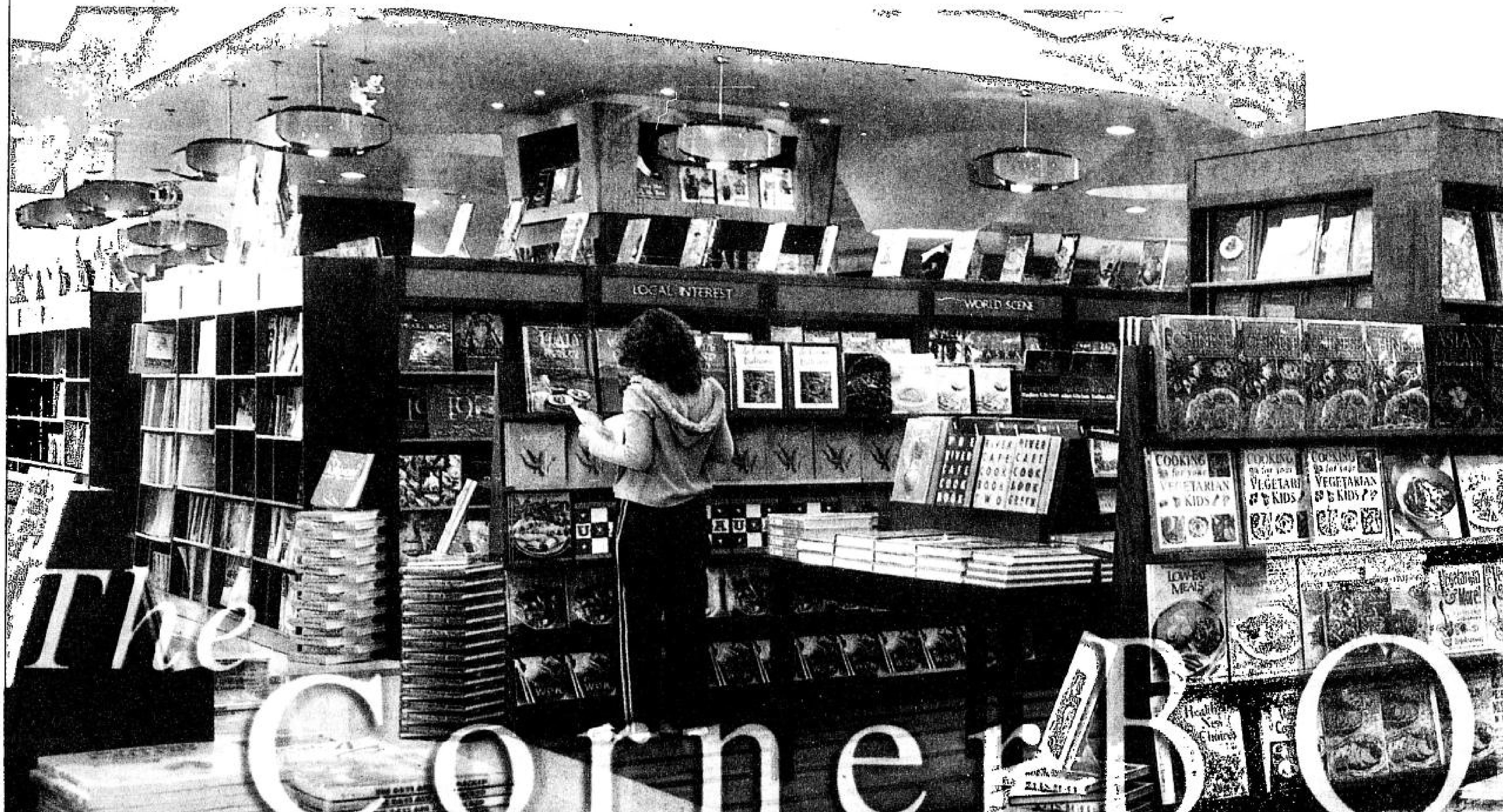

Learning corporate governance via video

THE INSTITUTE of Corporate Directors in East Asia network (IDEAnet) in collaboration with the World Bank Institute (WBI), and the Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD) conducted a 3-day corporate governance "core" course entitled East Asia Corporate Governance & Strategy at the World Bank Ortigas Office and the University of Asia and the Pacific recently.

The program used the most advanced distance learning facilities in linking—via interactive conferencing—the WBI's headquarters in Washington with six participating Institute Directors (IODs) from Beijing, Singapore, Bangkok, Jakarta, Tokyo and Manila. Attendees included a range of key public and private sector representatives and members of the academe from the leadership of ICD, allowed the participants to get actively involved in the discussion of the most recent global concepts, tools and best practices, regarding corporate governance and strategy.

The World Bank Institute facilitated the video conferencing from Washington which featured top international experts like Cally Jordan, Jemal Kassum, Olivier Fremond, Rapee Sucharitakul, Behdad Nowroozi, Daniel Kaufman, Ron Zali, among others, on the following subjects.

- Corporate Governance (CG) in the World and in Asia;
- (CG) Impact on Accounting and Disclosure Standards
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A key feature of the program was in bringing down global and multinational perspectives and issues on good corporate governance to the local setting. In particular, local prominent cases such as the BW Resources and Victorias Milling were presented and discussed.

In his opening remarks to all the video conferencing participants, Dr. Jesus P. Estanislao, president of ICD, stated that the 1997-1999 East Asian financial crisis had opened our eyes and taught the region that it could no longer carry on with its old operating paradigms. It forced the economies to take into account global rules, global practices that global financial markets operate by and insist upon.

He added that while the participants come from very different operating circumstances with varying legal framework, business structures, and mind sets, the challenge for each one is to:

1. Build institutions and strengthen those that already exist. Since in most of the region, the legal framework is as yet weak, institutions need to be much stronger;

2. Work closely with government, which in East Asia plays an enormous role in initiating and pursuing reforms. Since in most of our regions, markets are still weak, governments need to be very strong and committed to reforms.

3. Channel many of our hopes for reforms through the banking system. Since in most of our region, capital markets are yet developing, banks rather than stock exchanges can become the immediate effective conduits through which financial and corporate governance reforms can be promoted and spread.

The Institute of Corporate Directors in the Philippines has been working with the private sector, academicians and government officials in the Philippines and in the East Asia region to promote corporate governance reforms in the region. Its main thrust is in the training of CEOs and corporate directors. The Institute is also undertaking campaign to increase awareness of the need for improved corporate governance in the Philippines as well as elsewhere in the East Asia region.

Philippine furniture . . .

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trying to reach out to even the smallest furniture manufacturer. "We hope that this partnership we have forged with CFIP will benefit the entire furniture industry in terms of financial, product and technical assistance," says Mandy Sabado, division head, 3M Abrasive Systems Division.

With joint efforts of individual furniture makers, companies like 3M, and the government, the CFIP hopes that the Philippines will earn $1 billion by the year 2004. The CFIP is optimistic that with the much improved political situation in the Philippines, the industry's projected 30-percent annual growth is attainable.

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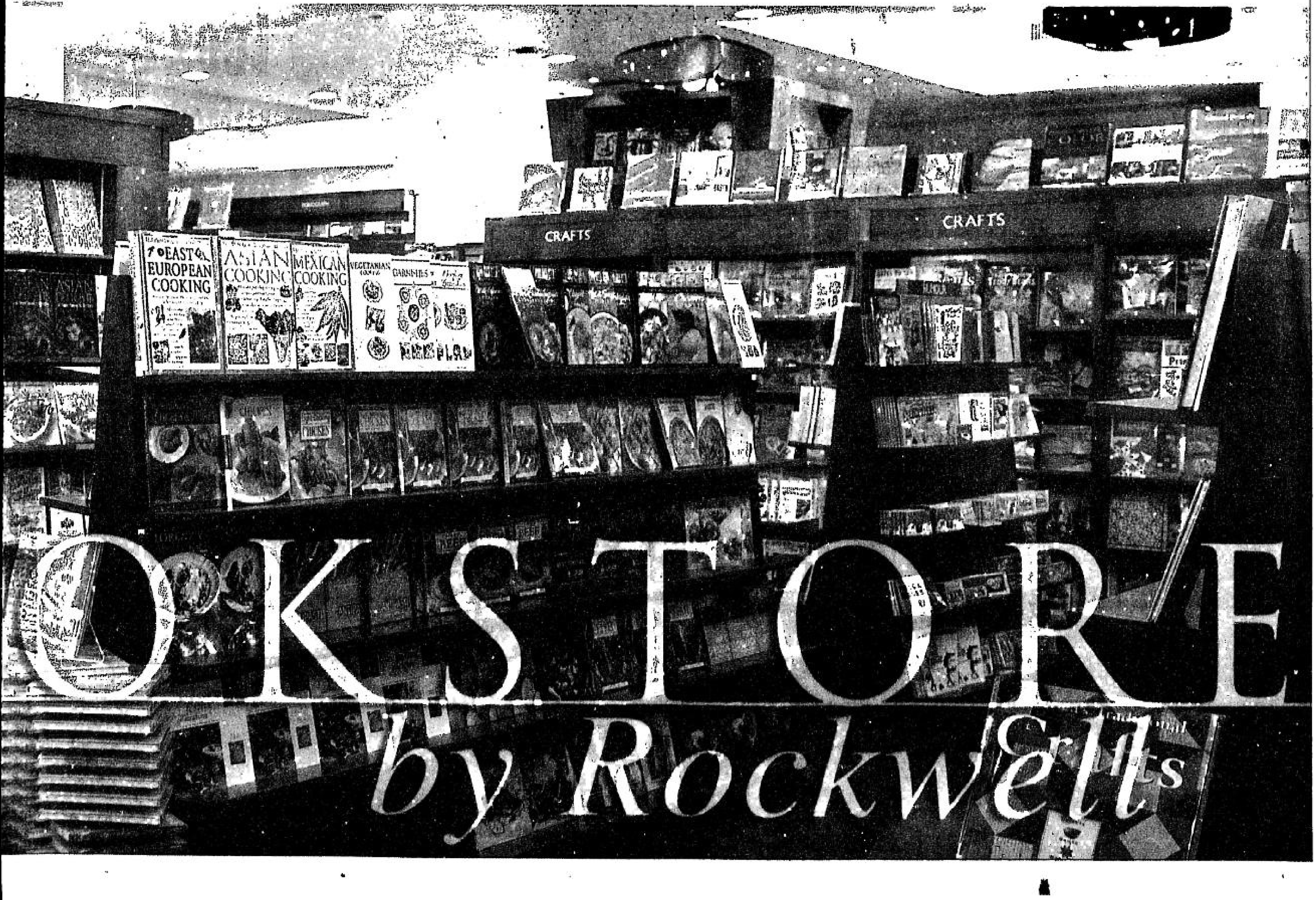

Tapping a bank to do your payroll

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STANDARD Chartered Bank, the country's first foreign commercial bank, recently launched a host of products and services which addresses the financial management needs of business enterprises.

One of these is called the Business Account Services (BAS), which bundles together in one package the following: check manager, an in-house check writing software; SSS e-payment, payroll services, fax banking, check warehousing and deposit pick-up service.

Anthony Robles, general manager of SCB's Wealth Management Value Center, said: "By availing of these products and services, business enterprises can be relieved of most of its time consuming and resource draining financial management activities such as the preparation and monitoring of checks, SSS remittances, payroll processing, bank account management, postdated check handling and safekeeping and daily check and cash deposits."

"By allowing a reliable partner like SCB to take care of these operational activities, businesses can then re-channel their energies toward ensuring the success of the business," Robles added.

Business enterprises that wish to avail of these value-laden services need only to start and maintain a banking relationship with SCB.

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Too many permits and clearances turn off local and foreign execs

LOCAL and foreign investors are exasperated over stupid laws and too many permits and clearances required by different government agencies before one can start any business project.

The difficulty of getting so many permits and clearances on a piecemeal basis has made the cost of starting a business in the country high.

The tedious process that starts with a company's registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to getting an environment clearance certificate takes several months and at times, even years.

The complaint was aired in a recent dialogue between business leaders, key officials of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA). The program was organized by the Philippine Exporters Confederation (Philexport) under its USAID-funded TAPS project.

Hard hit are small and medium enterprises (SMEs) starting business operations which are bound to spend a big slice of their capital just getting those permits and clearances, pointed out Sergio R. Ortiz-Luis Jr., Philexport president.

"Imagine, we even have a stupid law which requires businesses to get clearances for not causing noise pollution," the export leader blurted.

All those government agencies should coordinate and set up a common office like the one-stop-export documentation center, he said. The processing export papers has been reduced to a few minutes when the one-stop-center was set up by Philexport, he pointed out.

Ortiz-Luis said that Philexport recently commissioned Technotrix Philippines to review the country's environmental laws and validate pervasive complaints that many of these laws have discouraged investments.

The study has found that one of the most difficult to hurdle by start-up businesses in identified critical industries or located in critical areas is getting environmental clearance certificates.

The problem has been found to be more acute to enterprises located within the jurisdiction of the LLDA.

Technotrix also warned that if the ban on incinerators spelled out in the recently passed Clean Air Act is strictly implemented, it may kill the cement industry. The older cement factories do not have state-of-the-art technology to capture the dust waste resulting from the manufacture of cement. ***Abe P. Belena, Philexport News & Features***

British tobacco firms, anti-smoking campaigners fired up over smuggling

LONDON—Londoners tired of the high cost of smoking know just where to go—the black market.

On the bustling, trash-strewn shopping streets of low-income neighborhoods around the city, skittish men whisper "cigarette, cigarette," while their eyes dart up and down the sidewalk, scanning for police.

They sell a pack of 20 Marlboro Lights for 2.50 pounds, or $3.75. That's a big bargain against the average store price of 4.22 pounds ($6.33).

The difference: The cheap cigarettes have been smuggled in from low-tax Portugal to Britain, whose tobacco levies are the world's highest.

The illicit trade now accounts for one out of three cigarettes smoked in Britain, the Tobacco Manufacturer's Association says. The evidence, it says, is in the litter at soccer stadiums. A count at six stadiums found large numbers of wrappers that bore no British tax stamp. Just over 40 percent at one stadium were smuggled packs.

Big Tobacco, in a glossy brochure distributed to taxpayers, argues that smuggling promotes other crimes, depresses tax revenue,and makes cigarettes more easily available to children. The pamphlet's suggested solution: Take away smugglers' profit motive by reducing the tax of 3.37 pounds ($5.06) per pack. Just across the channel in France, the tax is 1.61 pounds (about 18 francs or $2.42). In Portugal, it's 89 pence (300 escudo or $1.34).

The Treasury, however, says it would rather spend tax revenue to pursue smugglers. The government launched a 209 million-pound ($313.5 million) plan last year to beat smuggling by recruiting 1,000 new officers and stationing huge X-ray machines at ports to scan incoming cargo for contraband.

The government predicts the measures will lead to the seizure of 10 billion cigarettes and an extra 2.3 billion pounds ($3.45 billion) in revenue over the next three years. Among several major busts publicized by the government were two in November that

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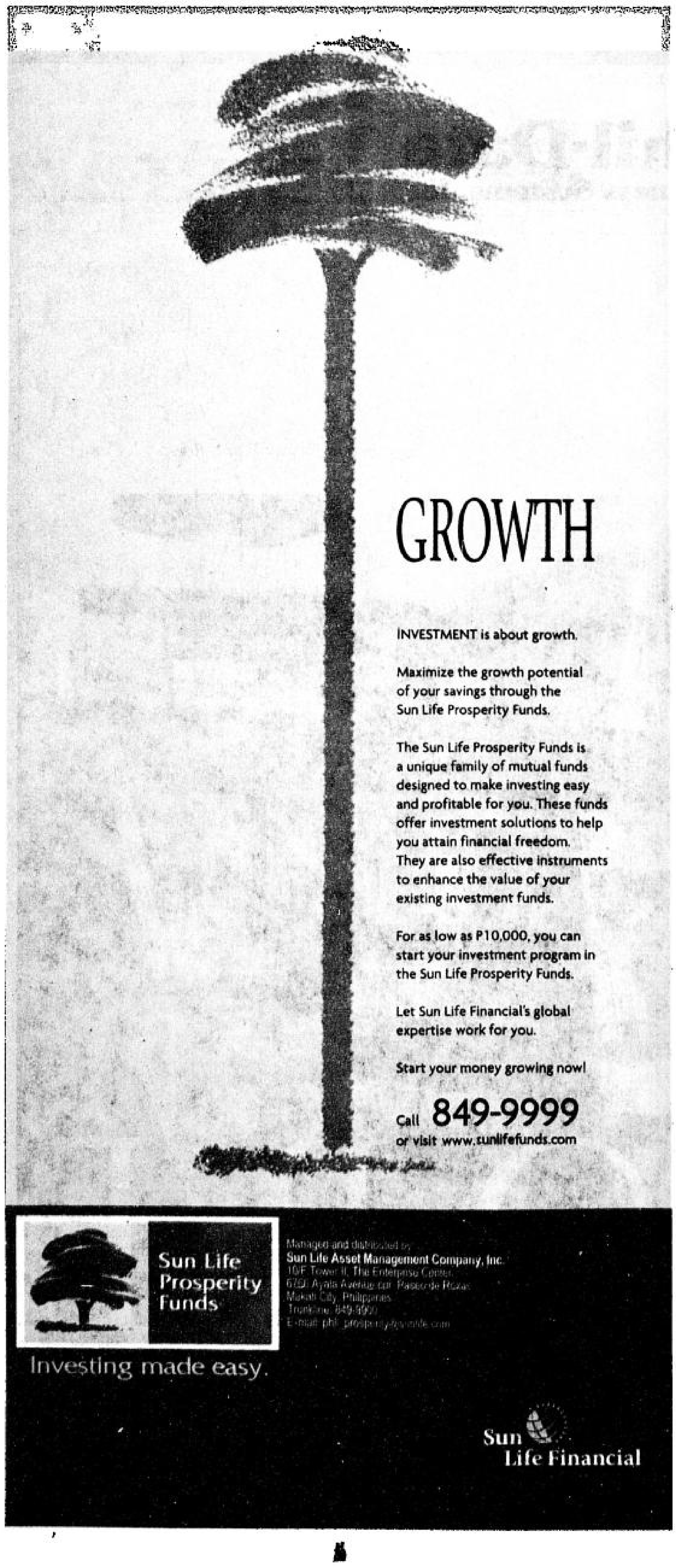
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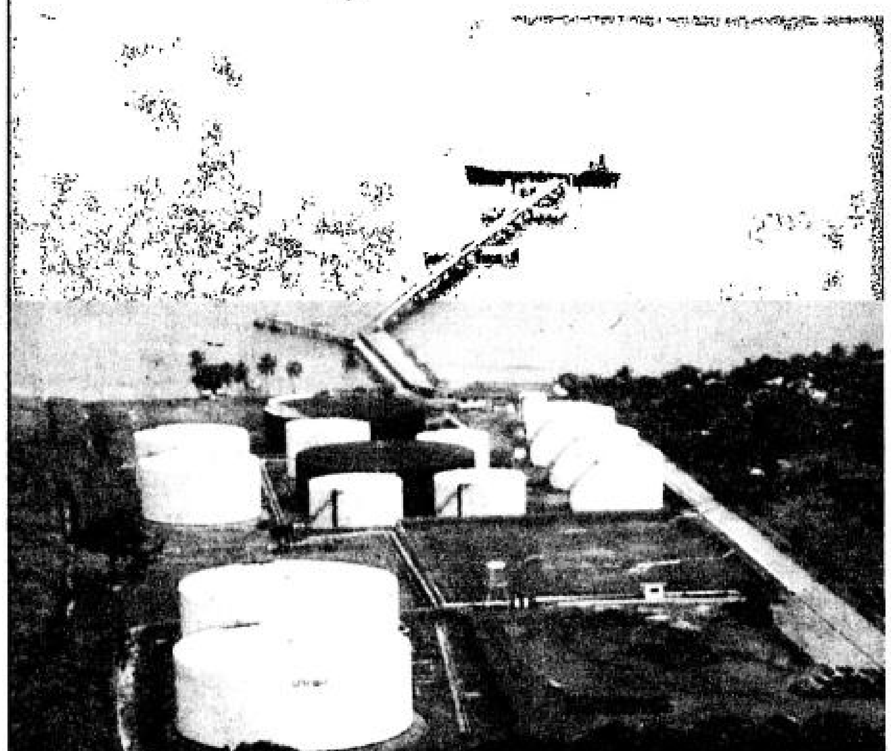

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As ranks of elderly gamblers grow in US, so do concerns

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey—The chartered bus from Brooklyn was just one of hundreds that roll into the depots of Atlantic City's huge casinos each day. The passengers disembarked, some spry and feisty, a few inching down the steps with their canes.

Past the Showboat Casino's reception desks and uniformed greeters awaited slot machines by the thousands—the playthings of choice for legions of elderly Americans.

Group leader Lola Kendzierski was ready for action. For most of the 2 1/2-hour bus ride, she had been busy calling out numbers over a microphone as fellow members of her Brooklyn senior center played small-stakes bingo. Toward noon, as the bus came within sight of the high-rise casino hotels, she finally had breakfast.

"I bring two rolls with me, so I can go a whole day in Atlantic City and never eat," said Kendzierski, 77.

Twenty years ago, Atlantic City and Las Vegas were America's two gambling meccas, but casinos have now spread across the nation. A federal study found that the percentage of 65-and-over Americans who recently gambled jumped from 20 percent in 1974 to 50 percent in 1998, a surge unmatched by any other age group.

Experts on compulsive gambling are alarmed. They worry that senior gamblers, many of them on fixed incomes, are more vulnerable to financial devastation than younger gamblers, and less willing to seek timely help for addiction.

"A 30-year-old can make it back. If a 75-year-old loses everything, they're dead in the water," said Ron Karpin, a specialist in senior gambling with the Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey.

To Kendzierski and her friends, however, monthly outings to the casinos are a much-anticipated break in their routines. "I don't smoke, I don't drink," Kendzierski said. "My worst vice is ice cream."

Even critics of the gambling industry concede that casinos make seniors feel welcome. Surveys indicate that casino outings are the most popular type of day trip for retired Americans.

"The gaming industry has provided for older adults what we as a society have not done," said Pat Fowler, executive director of the Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling.

"For most of them, it's an exciting, safe, user-friendly outing," she said. "The message is, 'We value you; come on in. We'll get the wheelchair, we'll bring the refreshments to you.' They can't find that kind of reception in many areas in our society."

Kendzierski, negotiating the maze of slot machines and gaming tables at Showboat, marveled that the casino welcomes even gamblers who are blind or mentally disabled. "This is the most democratic place I know," she said.

Only in the past few years have academics and gambling-addiction experts begun to focus on the phenomenon of senior gambling. Though regional symposiums on the topic are now commonplace, there is a lack of definitive data showing whether the elderly are more or less prone to addiction than younger gamblers.

Regardless of the addiction rate, experts like Karpin and Fowler believe senior gamblers merit special attention because the consequences of compulsive gambling can be so severe.

"I know the pain associated with this disorder in this age group," Fowler said. "They are thinking, 'How could this happen to me? I did everything right. I worked, I saved, I took care of my family'."

"The shame associated with what they see as failure of an entire life is so devastating for them," Fowler added. "No one should have that legacy after a productive, well-spent life, simply because they fall prey to an addiction."

Kendzierski, who has led many casino trips from the Bay Ridge Center for Older Adults in Brooklyn, said she has noticed little financial distress within her groups.

The trip itself—gambling losses aside—is a low-cost endeavor. The 35 participants on a recent weekday paid $20 for round-trip bus fare, and got $16 apiece in cash from the casino when they arrived for a six-hour stay.

Like many of her friends, Kendzierski came with a predetermined stake. Occasionally she might lose more than intended, she said, but overall she considers gambling a controllable indulgence.

"I get to a certain point, and then I quit and go read in the depot," she said.

Kendzierski's husband, who never gambled, died in 1976.

"I still miss him," she said, explaining that the Atlantic City excursions help her ward off loneliness.

Her friend, Pam Olsen, also is a widow in her 70s. Olsen grew up in an orphanage on Long Island and was married for 40 years to a tugboat captain who loved gambling. He died in 1986, and since then she has continued to make regular visits to Atlantic City—perhaps 10 a year.

On the recent outing, Olsen ended up a loser for the day despite winning $60 from a slot machine at one point.

"I'm happy, though," she said before boarding the bus for the trip back home. "Let somebody else win."

Loneliness, boredom, a craving for excitement—those are factors often cited as fueling the surge in senior gambling.

"Given our medical ability, someone retiring at 55 can easily live another 30, 40 years—literally another lifetime after retirement," Fowler said. "Some individuals have a difficult time filling the days, and gambling becomes very attractive for them . . . We must be able to offer an alternative."

That may not be easy. Casinos—with their bustle, lights, music and all-you-can-eat buffets—have a very different lure from shuffleboard or bridge.

"Today's 70-year-olds, on average, are smarter, healthier, more affluent than in the past; they don't want to sit in a senior center until doomsday," Karpin said. "Casinos can make them feel young again."

Dennis McNeilly, a psychologist at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, has discerned some broad patterns in his studies of senior gamblers.

"This is the generation that grew up in the Depression; they remember the ration books from World War II," he said. "They've been pretty stoic and haven't taken a lot of risks. They put their family needs before their own. Now they have some disposable income, and more leisure time, they're looking for something new and exciting and fun."

"Socially, culturally, gambling has really changed," McNeilly said. "This age group watched it change from a sin or a vice to mainstream entertainment."

The general manager of the Showboat, Tom O'Donnell, said his casino's prime marketing targets are 45-55 year-olds, but it cultivates senior citizens diligently. He cited the efforts to accommodate physically impaired gamblers and the "nostalgia-oriented" entertainment. The latest attraction was the Glenn Miller Orchestra, playing hits from the Swing Era of the 1930s and '40s.

Showboat's owner, Harrah's Entertainment Inc., considers itself an industry leader in promoting "responsible gaming." It publicizes the toll-free numbers of gambling helplines and has curtailed advertising in media outlets with large audiences of young people.

However, compulsive gambling groups say the industry has done little to address specific problems of elderly gamblers.

"The industry is aware seniors are a big group that loves to play," said Keith Whyte, executive director of the National Council on Problem Gambling. "But I don't see any evidence they're acknowledging that some of these people could really have a problem." *AP*

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"I see information." The line may not be quite as catchy as "I see dead people," from the movie "The Sixth Sense" but if there are persons out there with the power to sense the silent and invisible flow of information going on around us, they're about to be bombarded in ways few could have expected just a few years ago.

What is Silent Commerce? Silent Commerce refers to the new business opportunities associated with making everyday objects intelligent and interactive using a variety of technologies, concepts and platforms.

According to Accenture researcher Joseph Tobolski, "The coming world of Silent Commerce is one in which every object can carry a 'physical URL.' Cheap sensors that cost next-to-nothing can be stuck to any object. By wirelessly hyperlinking to these sensors, users can keep tabs on virtually anything."

This ubiquitous sensing capability carries some potentially revolutionary consequences for the business world. Imagine if:

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- You could sit at your desk and instantly take the inventory not only from your warehouse but also from your customer's.
- Consumers could check out of a grocery store just by walking out.
- Your products were self monitoring and could tell you when they were about to go outside of acceptable boundaries for temperature, humidity or vibration.
- Your products could interact with your customers.

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Enabling technologies

Some know Silent Commerce better by its enabling technologies, such as Radio Frequency Identification (RFID). An RFID system uses a half-inch wide plastic tag with an embedded digital memory chip the size of a pinhead. (It currently sells for about 30 cents).

The tag is easier to scan than a bar code, but an additional capability makes all the difference. The information on the tag can be changed as it moves down the value chain.

At first a chip on a product might contain basic information such as the date the product was created. Later, during shipping, anti-counterfeiting information can be added to the chip. Finally when the product arrives at the store, the retailer can add pricing and product information.

Other technologies can be combined with the RFID chip to provide an extraordinary range of Silent Commerce services. Small micro-sensors are currently being tested that monitor the environment around them. Want to make sure your fish is fresh, your beer has never been warmed, or your ice cream hasn't been thawed? Scan the chip and the sensors will tell you the temperature your product has been exposed to from start to finish. Or, using another emerging technology called "e-Ink," manufacturers can dynamically change the text or writing on the package to warn consumers or reassure them about the product's quality.

One other development promises to put Silent Commerce on everyone's radar screens.

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If you combine ubiquitous sensors with the Object Internet Standard you'll see new types of applications that can track and monitor objects through the Object Internet from anywhere in the world.

A number of technology and market forces are converging to create these Silent Commerce opportunities:

- Enterprise Resource Planning and supply chain programs have an increasing appetite for data from a variety of sources.
- The prices of chips and tags are rapidly decreasing.
- The Internet enables us to connect devices and distribute information simply and cheaply.
- Increasing cost to businesses caused by counterfeiting, diverting, and theft.
- Increased focus on deep consumer insight and getting more product information to supply chain partners.

Commerce Center

As Accenture continues its market-leading position in innovative business solutions through technology, it has announced the launch of its "Silent Commerce Center," located at the Accenture Technology Park in Northbrook, Illinois.

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"Their campaign is not a campaign to end smuggling; it's a campaign to reduce tobacco taxation," said Clive Bates, a member of the group. "The government would be naive to take advice from an industry that profits from smuggling and whose main interest is securing lower rates of tobacco duty."

The tobacco industry says Britons smoke 80 billion cigarettes a year, and customs seizures make only a small dent in the market. "It's only by cutting the tax that we can solve the problem," said John Carlisle, spokesman for the Tobacco Manufacturers' Association, a group that includes BAT, Phillip Morris and Rothmans. The association points to Sweden, which raised its tobacco tax by 29 percent in 1997. Smuggling soared, and the government lowered the duty by 27 percent in 1998.

Action on Smoking and Health wants the government to shift its policing to the beginning of the smuggling chain—a strategy that it argues will reveal tobacco industry involvement in the black market.

The European Union and several individual European nations are investigating leaked documents from tobacco companies that activists say are proof the tobacco companies are intentionally oversupplying some countries—mainly in eastern Europe and southern Africa—so the surplus will be bought up and smuggled to western Europe. Tobacco companies need to explain how organized crime is able "to buy tons and tons of cigarettes by the container load," Bates said.

Carlisle called smuggling charges against the industry "pure speculation." *AP*

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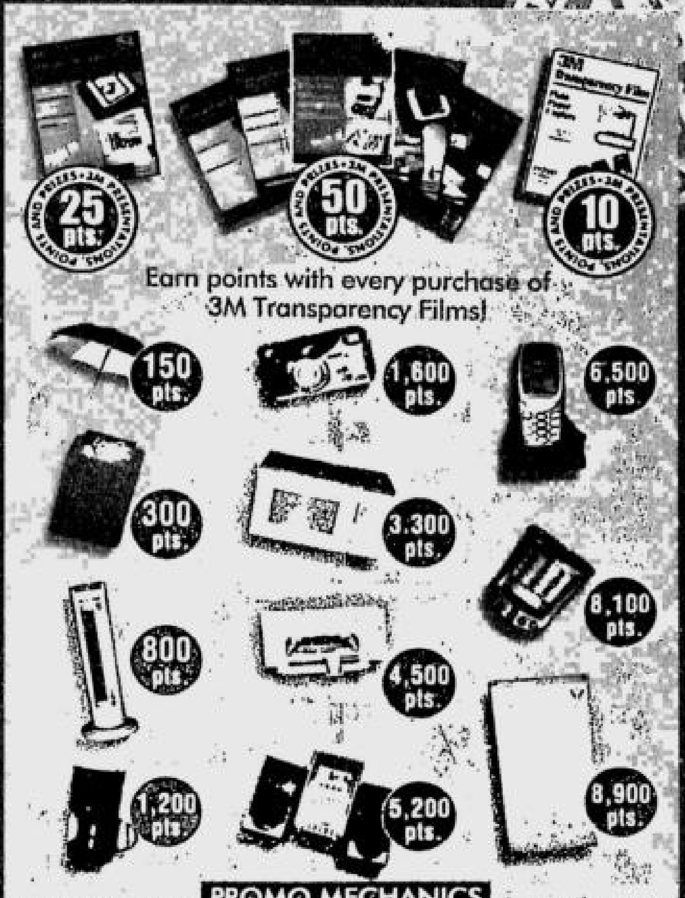

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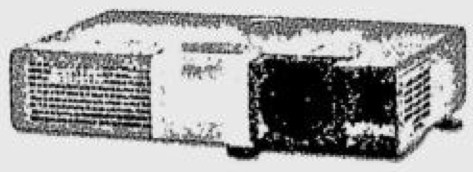

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Light lady

BY CATHY BABAO GUBALLA
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SHOKO-SAN. Her name in Japanese means light-lady. For the last seven years, Naomi "Shoko" Matsumoto has made the Philippines her home because of a fervent desire to train professionals in the intricacies of lighting design and uplift technical theater and art management disciplines in the Philippines. Her foremost dream is to one day put up the first technical training studio theater in Asia.

Untypically Japanese

Shoko first dabbled in graphic arts but soon found that her heart was in theater production. However, Shoko says that the only jobs available that time were in lighting, particularly in engineering and rigging. "The field was male- dominated and females working in those areas, especially in Japan, was totally unheard of," Shoko says. Dead set on being in theater production, she would dress ruggedly and pretend that she was one of the boys. Soon she found herself enjoying the job immensely and immerse herself in lighting work. In 1985, she got her electrical engineer's license and became involved in major theater productions not only in Japan but in Europe and the United States as well.

In 1995, she came to the Philippines by way of a theater group based in Mindanao and from there she was hooked. Living in the Philippines for the last seven years (she has a long-term Philippine visa), Shoko feels that the Philippines is her true home. "Of all the places I've seen in Asia, it's the one teeming with talent. There are excellent actors, talented directors, great set and costume designers. But it always falls short when it comes to stage lighting," Shoko says to explain why she feels she has found her calling in the Philippines.

Together with friends Sarri Tapales, Giselle Montero, Joy Rago and Patricia Zarate, Shoko put

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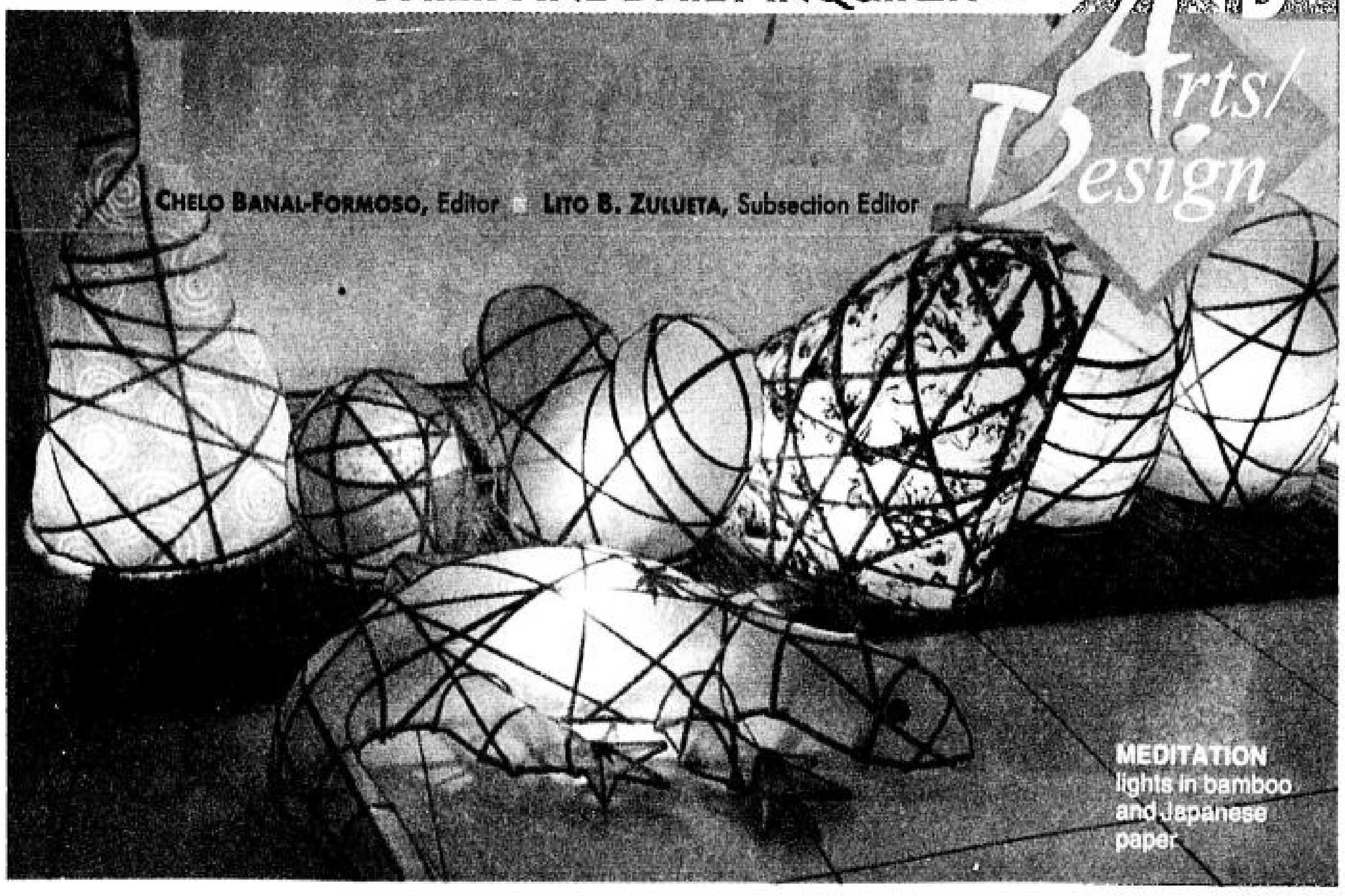
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Actor's Actors' new play focuses on Filipino identity

Bart Guingona and Chris Millado team up to stage Paul Stephen Lim's play about Filipino-Chinese-gender displacement in America

SORTING OUT THE CONFUSION. Bart Guingona (left) plumb the problem of the Filipino identity with Chris Millado, Bobby Greenwood and Ed Feist.

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By Cora Llamas

MAYBE it was just a matter of time. After all, Actor's Actors Inc. (AAI) has carved a niche for itself out of making plays that provoke the audience into thinking. Whether the playwrights' causes or sensibilities agree with your own, their works prick your soul and, gently or forcefully, persuade you to reexamine paradigms and values that you hold dear—and make you love every minute of that introspection. This was the case last year's "Speed-the-Plow," a dark, funny satire on Hollywood, and "Francis," a somber study on the saint from Assisi.

Still, what material can prove to be more cutting-edge than a Filipino drama that can't help but hit home?

"I've always had that kind of play in mind, which originates from our own soul," acknowledges AAI's artistic director Bart Guingona. In "dire, desperate need," he sought for that perfect piece among the available libraries, including the entire canon of the Palanca Award-winning scripts. Unfortunately, while a lot were exceptional and could possibly fit in the company's vision, most of them would have taken a lot of time and money to develop, which AAI didn't have.

The cavalry would come in the form of Chris Millado, seasoned director/writer/actor and now associate artistic director of Tanghalang Pilipino (TP). Millado is also an old friend of Guingona, both having gone to the University of the Philippines.

Edgy plays

Millado, knowing AAI's penchant for "doing noncommercial, edgy, English-language plays," had a suggestion: "Bart, why don't you do a play written by a Filipino in America?"

Millado, who had worked in Filipino-American theater companies in the US after finishing his Fulbright scholarship, already had a play in mind. Paul Stephen Lim's "Mother Tongue" is a theatrical gem that tackles the three elements of identity—race (Filipino, America, Chinese), language (all three) and gender (heterosexuality and homosexuality)—at the same time.

"Mother Tongue's" main character, David Lee, is a Filipino-Chinese teaching English to Americans in Kansas. A bearer of the cultural and linguistic legacy of all three races, he wants to find out where he belongs. His quest for meaning occupies every minute of his life, from his classes to his personal relationships. It even takes him to his mother, who had come to America as a young bride of an arranged marriage.

Guingona liked the script, cast himself as David Lee, and not choosing to wear the twin acting-directing hat this time, asked Millado to helm the play. An able cast, some of whom are performing for AAI for the first time, was soon rounded up: MYX VJ Ed Feist as David's American student, Richard Cunanan as his ex-lover, Bobby Greenwood as a professor, and TV star Kate Fernandez doubling in the contrasting roles of prostitute and nun.

A casting coup was the theatrical mother-daughter tandem of Nieves Campa, last seen as Goneril in "King Lear," and Miren Alvarez, who played the miserably forgotten wife in "Five Women Wearing the Same Dress." Campa and Alvarez both portray David's mother in different stages of her life.

And, yes, Guingona agrees that this interracial play does hit home. "A whole generation of us who grew up were taught English as a first language. Some of us even think in English. For a company that does English plays, this material makes you begin to question your own identity. How Filipino are you if you speak and dream in a language that was given to you by your education, rather than by your heritage, your race?"

That same question is being asked on both sides of the Pacific. Lim's play, which has been produced in the US and Singapore, is largely autobiographical. Now in his mid-50s, the author is a true-blue Filipino who studied at the Ateneo and belonged to the same generation that produced today's theatrical pillars like designer Salvador Bernal, playwright Paul Dumol, and directors Anton Juan and Nonon Padilla. After working as an advertising copywriter, Lim immigrated to the US where, like his character, he landed a teaching job and soon became a natu-

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MILLADO: No stranger to the Fil-Am question.

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Actor's Actors' new play focuses on Filipino identity

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ralized American.

"In the US, the question of 'What is Filipino and what is American?' is still being defined. It involves the issues of displacement and exile," Millado elaborates.

Diaspora

The Filipino-American diaspora spread via several immigration, mainly motivated by economic reasons. "In the early 1930s, many Filipinos went to the US looking for a better job and ended up doing manual labor in the vineyards of California," Millado says. "In the late 1960s, it was the turn of doctors, nurses and other professionals."

These waves created the "second-generation Fil-Ams who have never been to the Philippines and don't know our language. But they are learning to find out that side of them that is Filipino. They are taking Tagalog and Philippine Studies in university. They have their own Filipino Day wherein they cook *lumpia*, because they want to be in touch with the culture of their parents. Meanwhile, their homesick parents who came from the Philippines organize community fiestas because they want to get that sense of the Filipino-ness in their cities."

Then, finally, there are the very young Fil-Ams to whom the entire issue of identity is not an issue. "As far as that generation is concerned, they're Americans! But there's always been a little bit of avoidance about race. Probably due to the historical misconception that Filipinos are more privileged than Latinos and blacks because they came from a former colony. Of course, there are incidents and actual maulings where Filipinos are treated like blacks," Millado says wryly.

Millado is no stranger to the Fil-Am question, its tensions and mutual influences, and how these have reexamined traditional definitions of the Filipino identity. "Peregrinasyon (Wandering Nation)," a play he wrote and directed, juxtaposed the experience of two Filipino brothers in the 1930s: An immigrant factory worker who battled the prejudice of the local whites, and a guerrilla who fought colonization in his province.

A couple of years ago, Millado brought in for a brief, but jam-packed CCP performance "Flipzoids," a bittersweet tale of an uprooted 80-year-old Tagalog-speaking grandmother, her trying-to-be-American nurse daughter and the soul-searching teenage Fil-Am she befriends on the beach.

MYX VJ Ed Feist plays an American student to a confused Filipino-Chinese-American teacher.

Millado, who hopes to introduce more Fil-Am works in the country, hopes that "Mother Tongue" will just be the beginning.

"Being Filipino-American is a big thing in California," he says. "It's almost a political thing to proclaim that you're one. It's an assertion of identity. And since identity is a cultural thing, what better way to push this than in cultural performances?"

Filipino identity, its roots and pervasive American influences, are important issues in Manila as well. Just a few months ago, for a special one-night performance, the New Voice Company translated into Tagalog several scenes of its runaway hit "The Vagina Monologues," presumably for greater impact and relevance. Now, with another major English-language theatrical company like AAI taking the plunge, can others be far behind?

AAI's production of "Mother Tongue" will run at the GSIS Theater, CCP Complex for two weekends starting April 20. Call 536-5844

Gantimpala workshops open this week

APRIL 18 marks the start of all summer workshops offered by Gantimpala Theater Foundation at the SM Supermalls and at De La Salle-College of St. Benilde, Taft Avenue.

Workshop offerings are: Acting for TV, Movies and Commercials; Children's Theater, Basic Acting and Musical Theater, Voice and Singing, Visual Arts, Children's and Adult Ballet, Street Jazz, Ballroom Dancing and Taebo. Classes will be held at the SM City Fairview's Celebration Hall I, 3/F Storyland at SM City Bacoor, or at Unit 2070, College of St. Benilde.

Workshop fee is P4,000 payable in three installments. Tony Espejo is artistic director with Robert Valle as workshop director and Dell Cayetano as workshop coordinator. Interested parties may now register at the workshop desks at SM City Fairview and SM City Bacoor and at the Gantimpala Office at 8005-F Tanguile corner Kamagong Streets, San Antonio Village, Makati, or call 897-9986 or 895-8314 or e-mail gantimpala@pacific.net.ph. Visit www.geocities. com/gantimpala.

Angela Grant ballet classes

ANGELA Grant is an English-born Filipina who was trained at The Elmhurst Ballet School near London, under the syllabus of the Royal Academy of Dance, England's premier ballet authority.

Grant holds her summer classes at her family's house in Parañaque and also at the nearby school for French and German children. She gives special attention to beginners in order to foster their interest in this graceful art.

The dance classes provide girls with something fun and challenging to do during the holiday break. Ballet, she says, can give girls an art that will stay with them throughout their lives.

Enrolment for Angela's Summer Ballet School starts on April 19. Classes will start on April 21 at 4235 Dandelion St., Sun Valley Subdivision, Bicutan, Parañaque. Call Grant or Joanne Yuchongtian on 896-0144.

Carmelite Choir to compete in Croatia

THE CARMELITE Choir of Quezon City, which regularly sings at the Mount Carmel Parish Church, Project 6, and at the Our Lady of Hope Parish Church, Pag-Asa, has been invited to participate in the International Choir Competition (ICC) to be held in Zadar, Croatia from May 24-27.

ICC artistic director Antun Dolicki, in a communication dated March 9, certified that the Carmelite Choir was officially invited to participate in the said competition by the program committee of the ICC, consistent with competition rules.

The members of the Carmelite Choir are Cristy, Kiteng, Sweet, Celeste, Junette, Sheryl, Vicky, Jasmin, Jemelee, Sally, Lito, Ryan, Angelo, Romeo, Wewe, Jerome, Vangie, Edison, Derby, Jamil and Emong. Choirmaster is Jake de Vera. Conductor is Robert Delgado and Dr. Telly Somera is advisor.

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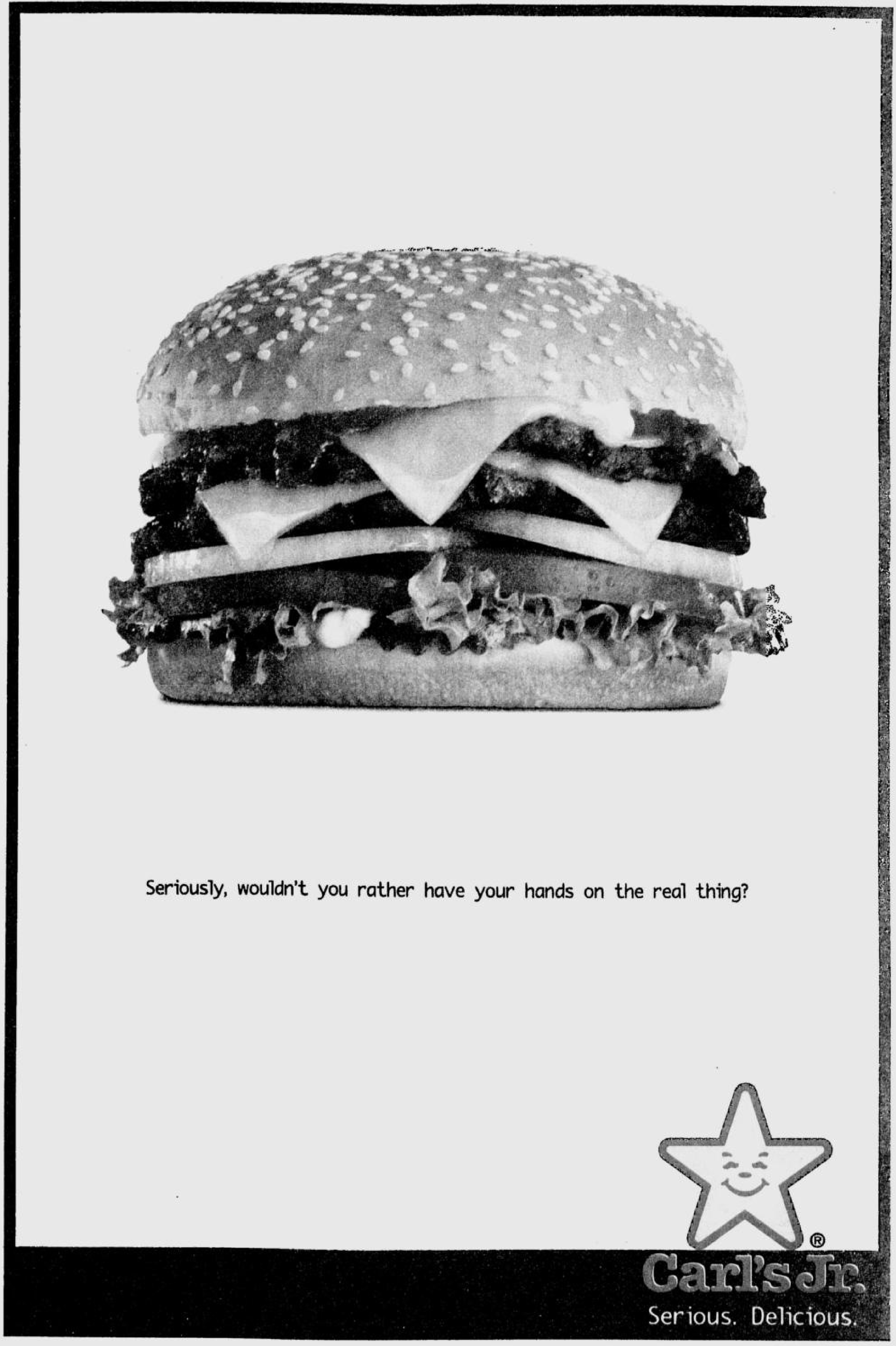

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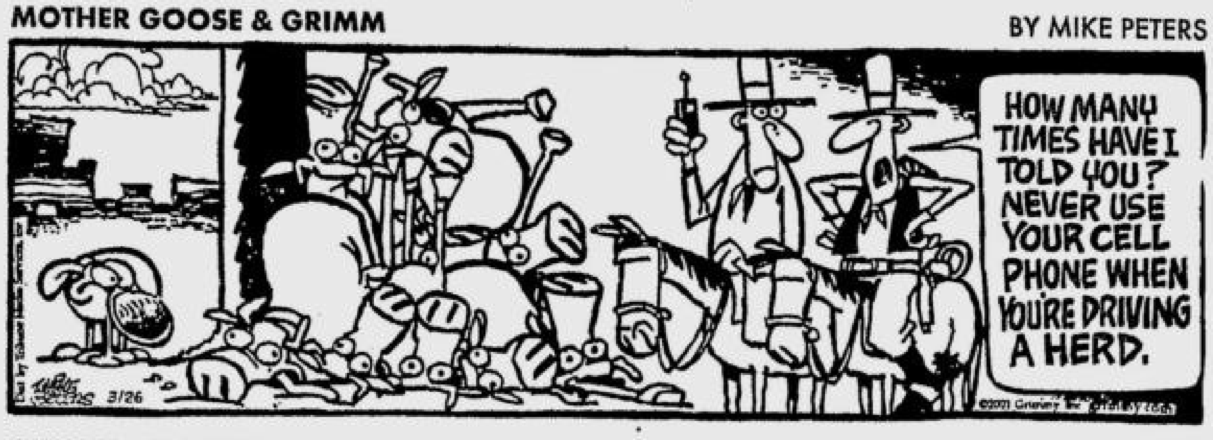
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU? NEVER USE YOUR CELL PHONE WHEN YOU'RE DRIVING A HERD.
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ANIMAL CRACKER

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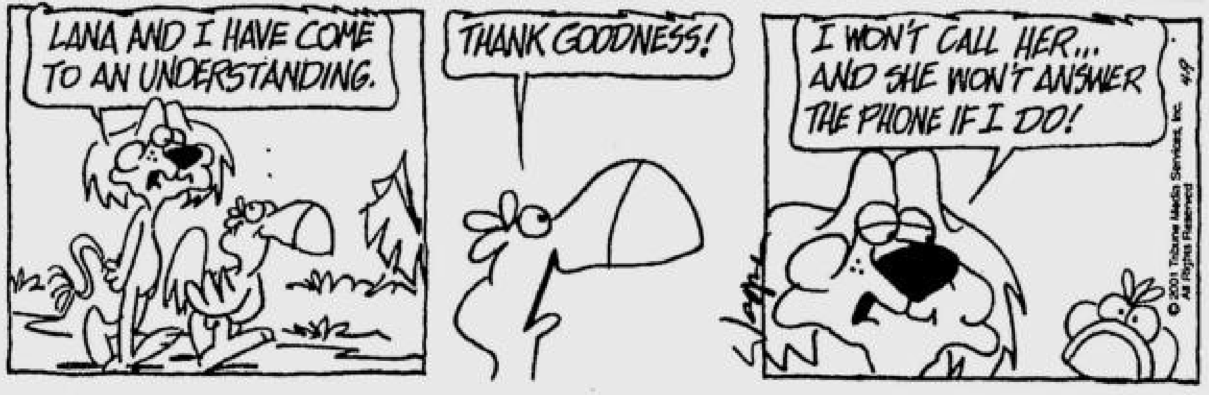
LANA AND I HAVE COME TO AN UNDERSTANDING.
THANK GOODNESS!
I WON'T CALL HER... AND SHE WON'T ANSWER THE PHONE IF I DO!
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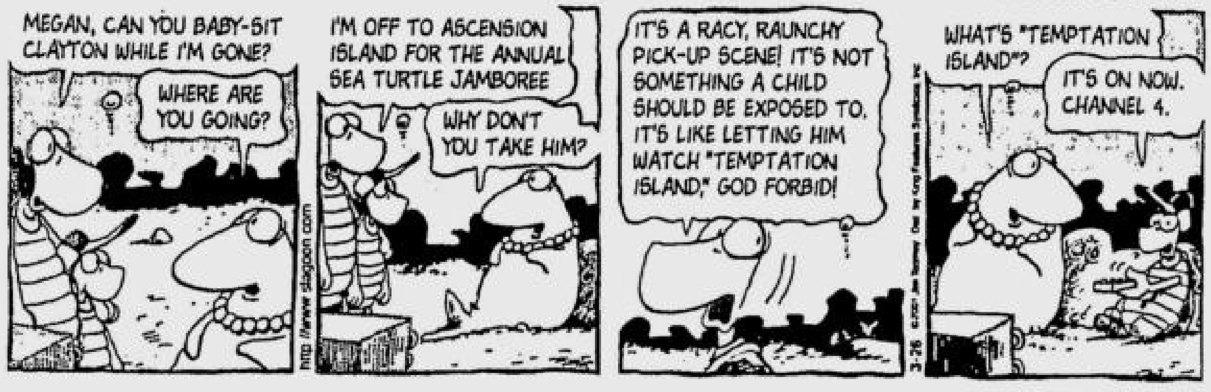
SHERMAN'S LAGOON

BY JIM TOOMEY


MEGAN, CAN YOU BABY-SIT CLAYTON WHILE I'M GONE?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I'M OFF TO ASCENSION ISLAND FOR THE ANNUAL SEA TURTLE JAMBOREE
WHY DON'T YOU TAKE HIM?
IT'S A RACY, RAUNCHY PICK-UP SCENE! IT'S NOT SOMETHING A CHILD SHOULD BE EXPOSED TO. IT'S LIKE LETTING HIM WATCH "TEMPTATION ISLAND," GOD FORBID!
WHAT'S "TEMPTATION ISLAND"?
IT'S ON NOW. CHANNEL 4.
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BABY BLUES

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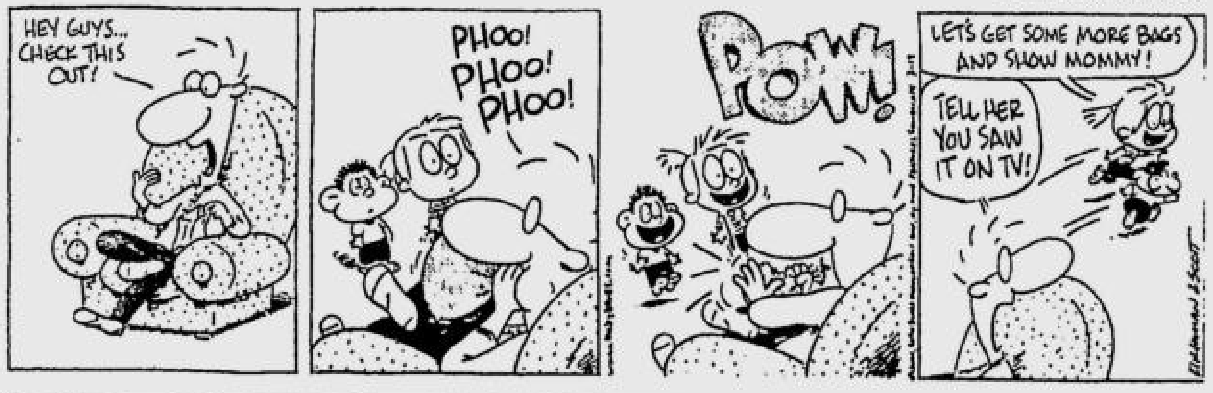
HEY GUYS... CHECK THIS OUT!
PHOO! PHOO! PHOO!
POW!
LET'S GET SOME MORE BAGS AND SHOW MOMMY!
TELL HER YOU SAW IT ON TV!

HOROSCOPE

BY EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Charlie Chaplin, Henry Mancini, Ellen Barkin, Jon Cryer, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Lukas Haas, Selena, Dusty Springfield, Gabriela Sabatini

Happy Birthday: Challenges will motivate you this year. Stand tall and prepare to push ahead. The harder you strive for perfection, the better you will do. Trusting others will be costly and teach you a valuable lesson. Recognize the difference between a true and a fair-weather friend. The world is forever changing, and so should you if you want to stay in control. Your numbers: 9, 13, 21, 24, 28, 32

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't let anyone stand in your way. You aren't a follower. It's time you made yourself heard. Use your skills to get things accomplished. You may not please everyone, but that's to be expected.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your personal life may experience some setbacks. Limitations due to a lack of open communication are apparent. Try to broach the problems with compassion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll accomplish the most if you travel for business purposes. You can get your point across and make valuable connections. Don't hold back: If you have an idea, present it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Problems with older female relatives will quickly turn into a demanding burden if you are willing to take the brunt of the responsibility. Try to get siblings to help.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can stabilize a partnership if you are willing to make a few concessions. Hidden assets will come in handy if you wish to become involved in an innovative business venture.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Use your creative talents at work. Your ability to work with fine but important details will be admired and rewarded. You can expect to receive rewards.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can have whatever you want if you use your intellectual charm. Your passionate mood and persuasive tactics will be well-received by your mate. Plan a nice evening for two.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Expect disruptions at home. Try not to take things to heart. Acceptance is the key. Don't be afraid to ask for help. You'll be surprised at how willing others are to help out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make the decision to go back to school. Study a subject that will help you change your direction in life. You may be limited in the short term, but overall it will be worth your while.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Financial difficulties due to poor investments or unforeseen expenses will be depressing. Listen to the advice of respected friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Drastic alterations in your position will occur if you haven't taken the time to deal with small but important details in your job. Be prepared to make changes.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Invite good friends over. You need to relax and get your mind off your work and your worries. You may want to contemplate a professional and residential move in the near future.

Birthday Baby: You're a little wizard—bright, articulate and so curious. You will take things apart and, with luck, put them back together. You want to do all, experience all and see all.

DAILY CROSSWORD

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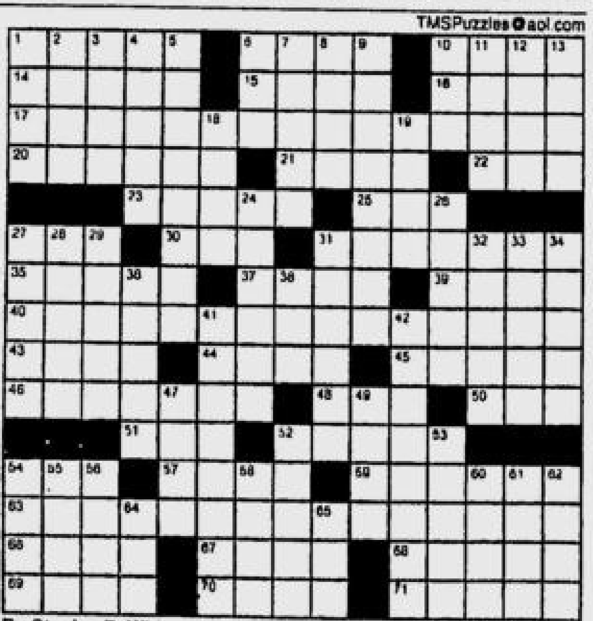

By Stanley B. Whitten
Highwood, IL

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ACROSS
1 Bull's defense
6 Location
10 False god
14 Blockhead
15 Letters of salt
16 1996 loser
17 Giraudoux play
20 Having only magnitude
21 __ de France
22 Distress letters
23 Inane
25 Tout's offering
27 Lat. case
30 Sticky stuff
31 Verbatim
35 Ms. Winfrey
37 Pelvic pieces
39 Excessive enger
40 Hudson film
43 __ Bien Phu
44 Guy
45 Basketry willow
46 Heaven's gatekeeper
48 The Chinese "way"
50 Hibernation chamber
51 Set up a setup
52 __ Catalina Island
54 Compass pt.
57 Jogger's gait
59 Home to Homero
63 Goldman play
66 Hebrides island
67 Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's sch.
68 French measure
69 Make over
70 Bombard
71 "__ of Iwo Jima"

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1 Successful at-bats
2 Like Pindar's poetry
3 Latvian capital
4 Christmas carols
5 Direct and candid
6 Picnic pest
7 Shabby
8 Reverberate
9 Of a native Alaskan
10 Actress Lupino
11 Periods
12 Spread in a tub
13 Lacking: suff.
18 Woody's boy
19 Spunk
24 Mill about
26 Former Israeli P.M.
27 Invalidates
28 In the work cited: Lat.
29 Slink
31 Ray of "GoodFellas"
32 Fanatical
33 Think alike
34 Get into one's head
36 Ed who played Lou Grant
38 "Little Red Book" compiler Biao
41 Pollster's category
42 Jazz tenor saxophonist
47 Leatherwood
49 All over again
52 Yet
53 Stoppage of breathing
54 Mix
55 Loafer, e.g.
56 Make one's way
58 A single time
60 Business letter abbr.
61 Nebbish
62 God of war
64 Tai language
65 Writer Hentoff

THURSDAY PUZZLE ANSWER

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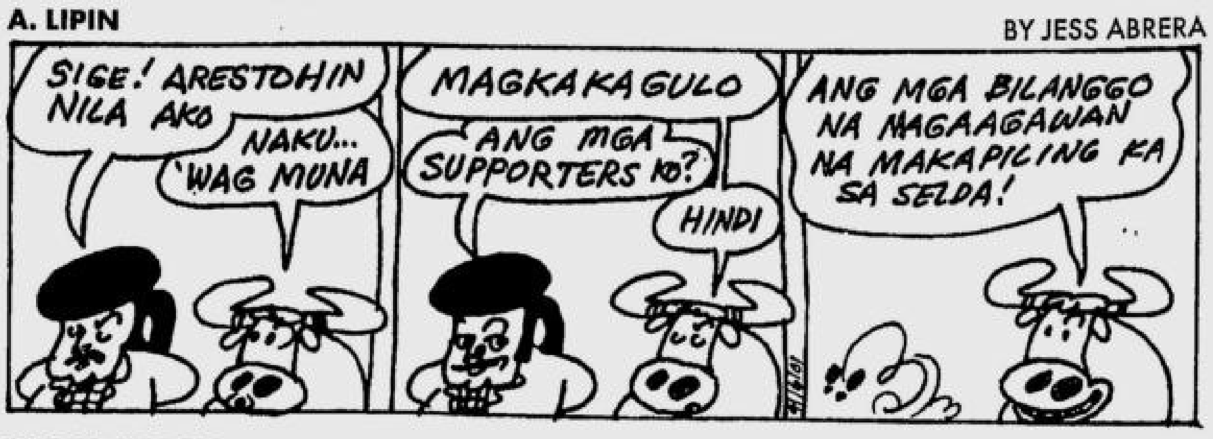
SIGE! ARESTOHIN NILA AKO
NAKU... 'WAG MUNA
MAGKAKAGULO ANG MGA SUPPORTERS KO?
HINDI
ANG MGA BILANGGO NA MAGAAGAWAN NA MAKAPILING KA SA SELDA!

PUGAD BABOY

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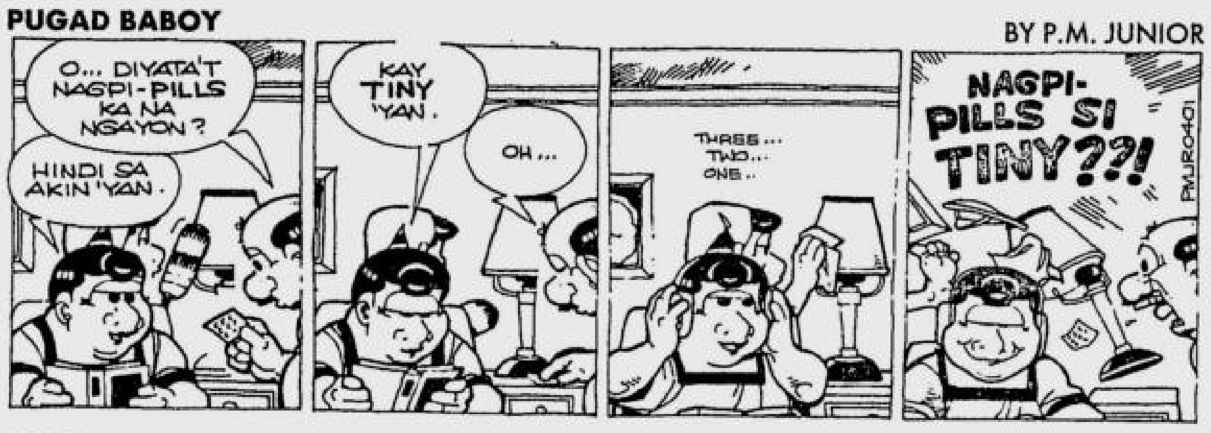
O... DIYATA'T NAGPI-PILLS KA NA NGAYON?
HINDI SA AKIN 'YAN.
KAY TINY 'YAN.
OH...
THREE... TWO... ONE..
NAGPI-PILLS SI TINY??!
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SIMO

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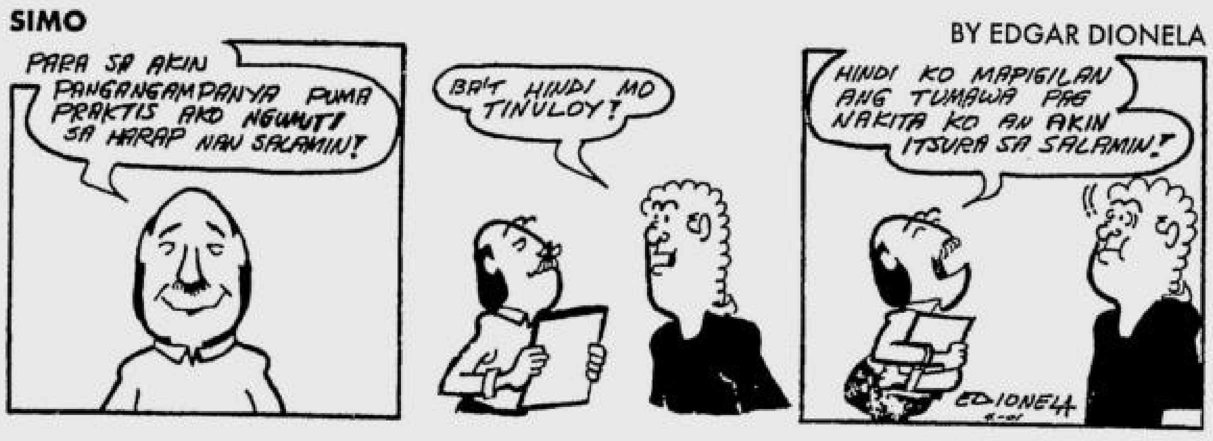
PARA SA AKIN PANGANGAMPANYA PUMA PRAKTIS AKO NGUMITI SA HARAP NAN SALAMIN!
BA'T HINDI MO TINULOY?
HINDI KO MAPIGILAN ANG TUMAWA PAG NAKITA KO AN AKIN ITSURA SA SALAMIN!
EDIONELA

B1 GANG

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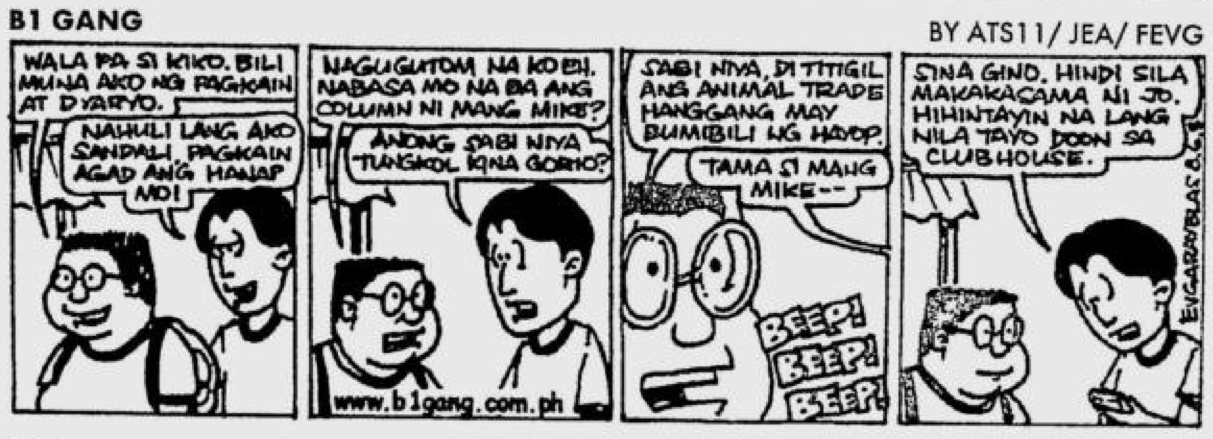
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NAHULI LANG AKO SANDALI, PAGKAIN AGAD ANG HANAP MO!
NAGUGUTOM NA KO EH. NABASA MO NA BA ANG COLUMN NI MANG MIKE?
ANONG SABI NIYA TUNGKOL KINA GORIO?
SABI NIYA, DI TITIGIL ANG ANIMAL TRADE HANGGANG MAY BUMIBILI NG HAYOP.
TAMA SI MANG MIKE--
BEEP! BEEP! BEEP!
SINA GINO. HINDI SILA MAKAKASAMA NI JO. HIHINTAYIN NA LANG NILA TAYO DOON SA CLUBHOUSE.
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BEN

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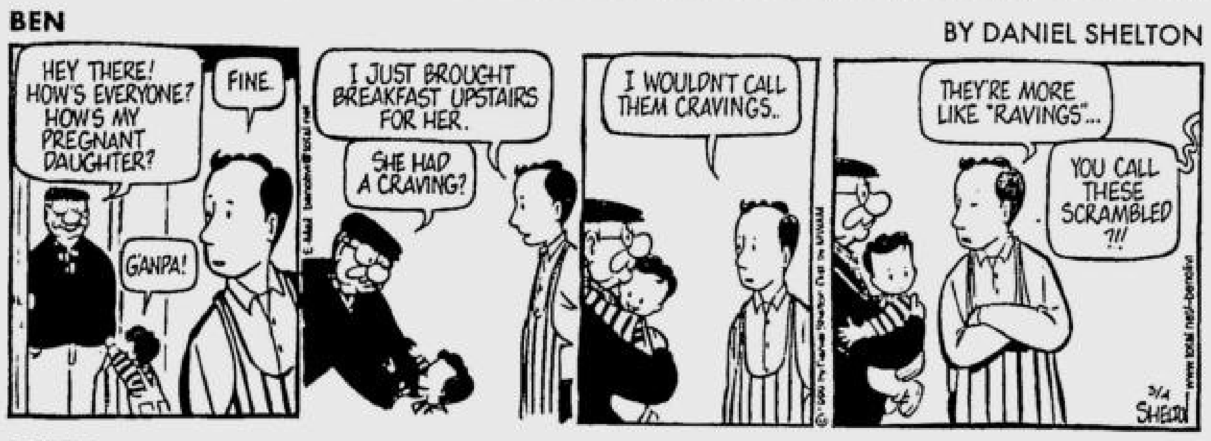
HEY THERE! HOW'S EVERYONE? HOW'S MY PREGNANT DAUGHTER?
FINE.
GANPA!
I JUST BROUGHT BREAKFAST UPSTAIRS FOR HER.
SHE HAD A CRAVING?
I WOULDN'T CALL THEM CRAVINGS..
THEY'RE MORE LIKE "RAVINGS"...
YOU CALL THESE SCRAMBLED ?!!
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SHELTON

MUTTS

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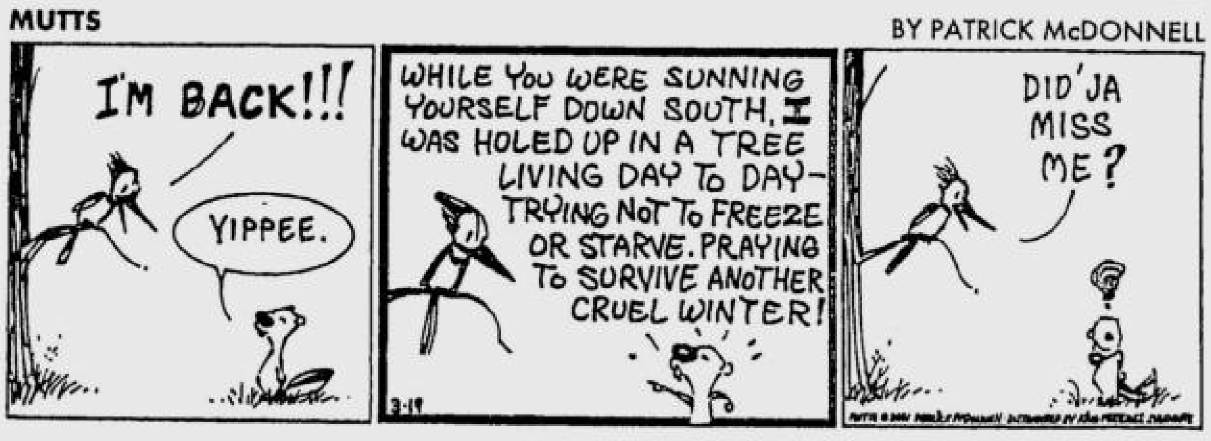
I'M BACK!!!
YIPPEE.
WHILE YOU WERE SUNNING YOURSELF DOWN SOUTH, I WAS HOLED UP IN A TREE LIVING DAY TO DAY— TRYING NOT TO FREEZE OR STARVE. PRAYING TO SURVIVE ANOTHER CRUEL WINTER!
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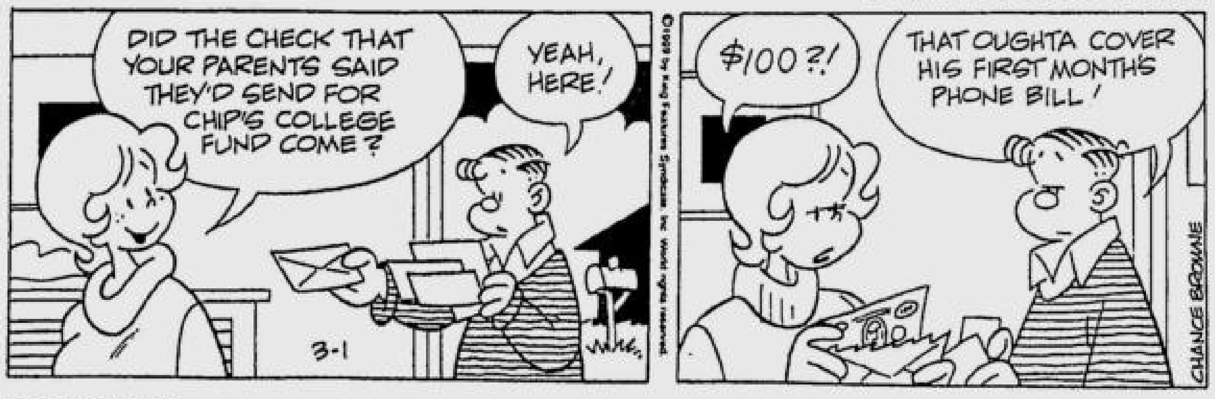
DID'JA MISS ME?

HI AND LOIS

BY BRIAN & GREG WALKER


DID THE CHECK THAT YOUR PARENTS SAID THEY'D SEND FOR CHIP'S COLLEGE FUND COME?
YEAH, HERE!
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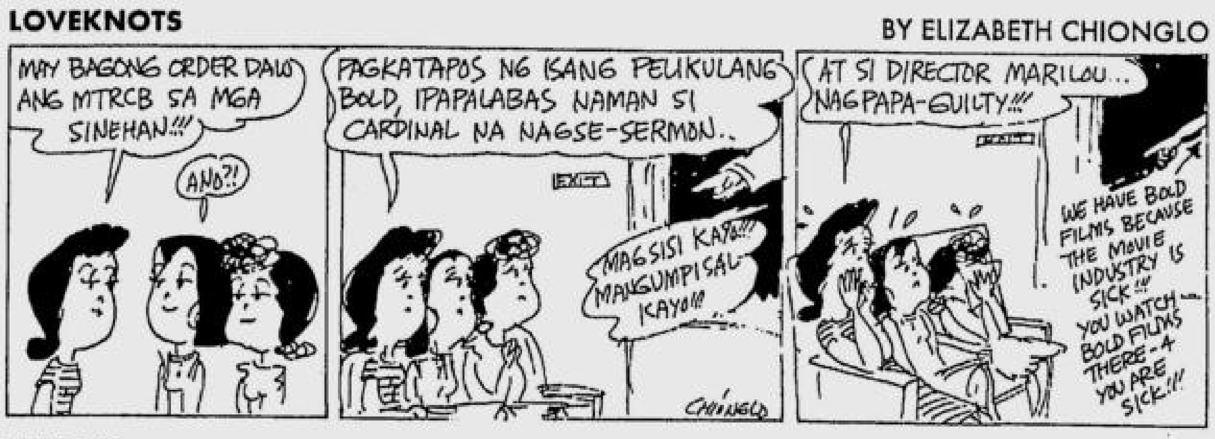
$100?!
THAT OUGHTA COVER HIS FIRST MONTH'S PHONE BILL!
CHANCE BROWNE

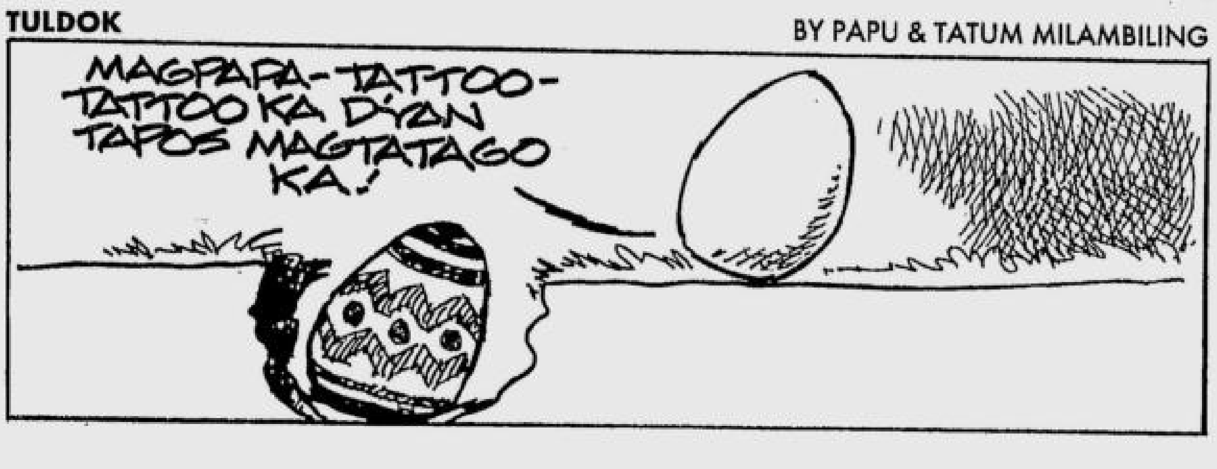
LOVEKNOTS

BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO


MAY BAGONG ORDER DAW ANG MTRCB SA MGA SINEHAN!!!
ANO?!
PAGKATAPOS NG ISANG PELIKULANG BOLD, IPAPALABAS NAMAN SI CARDINAL NA NAGSE-SERMON..
EXIT
MAGSISI KAYO!!! MANGUMPISAL KAYO!!!
CHIONGLO
AT SI DIRECTOR MARILOU... NAGPAPA-GUILTY!!!
WE HAVE BOLD FILMS BECAUSE THE MOVIE INDUSTRY IS SICK!!! YOU WATCH BOLD FILMS THERE-4 YOU ARE SICK!!!

TULDOK

BY PAPU & TATUM MILAMBILING


MAGPAPA-TATTOO-TATTOO KA D'YAN TAPOS MAGTATAGO KA!

THE WOMEN of Sinag Arts

Light lady

(From page D1)

up Sinag Arts Foundation in July 1998. The foundation is composed of lighting designers, set designers, scriptwriters, costume designers, electricians and art managers, among others. Sinag's main purpose is to translate, transfer and exchange knowledge of artistic skills and technologies supportive of the various theater arts and related disciplines through training workshops, seminars and consultancy. By far, Shoko and her team have been involved in major productions such as "Larawan, the Musical," "Little Mermaid," "Luna: An Aswang Romance" and recently, "Firewaterwoman." Shoko has also been responsible for the exterior lighting of the newly renovated National Museum in Luneta. Training workshops in lighting design and design technology have been conducted both for professionals and students of the International School and the Philippine High School for the Arts in Makiling. A video called "An Awareness of Light," a course on lighting design, has just been released by the foundation.

Sinag and Shoko's greatest desire, however, is to establish the Sinag Arts Studio, which is envisioned to be a small compact technical training studio in Quezon City. The studio will contain a small box-type theater which can accommodate 100-150 people, able to change the layout depending on the needs of the performing groups. The area could also double up as a rehearsal hall. In addition, there will be a workshop area for scenic designers and technicians, a training venue primarily for set makers, a storage area, a library to contain technical theater books, a gallery for visual arts and small installation exhibits.

Shoko believes that performing talents are plentiful in the Philippines. Many Filipino artists and performances have gained international recognition and a source of pride and inspiration among Filipinos. However, the technical aspects of production, specifically lighting and sounds, have been wanting. There is no opportunity for formal training for backstage crew. Even in other Asian countries, technical education is not readily available. Technical theater is the least of priorities. "When you hire a light crew here, it's usually only the top guy who's good. So I want to help," Shoko says. "I want to train professionals. To put up a school in a humble place in Quezon City like a *bodega* or an abandoned house. Once I saw a vacant lot with an unusual size pool—I would put up a stage on top of the pool. *Sayang,* the house was not for rent. Plus, I'm also still on the lookout for funding. But I know it will come, someday before I get gray hair. I'd like to teach the Filipinos everything I know."

Shoko's lights

Perhaps you've seen them in one of those home decorating spreads—meditative Japanese lights. These are Shoko-lights, one way for Sinag Arts to raise the much-needed funds for that dream theater studio.

These lighting fixtures, which are images from nature, are made of bamboo and Japanese paper—all handmade. They come in various designs such as fruits, flowers, stone, leaf and dolphins. There are even *butiki* lights to hang on a young's boys' bedroom. Talk of unique lighting fixtures.

Shoko crafts each lamp with much care and thought and when they are all lit up, as they were that afternoon in Shoko's atelier, they make for a pretty sight.

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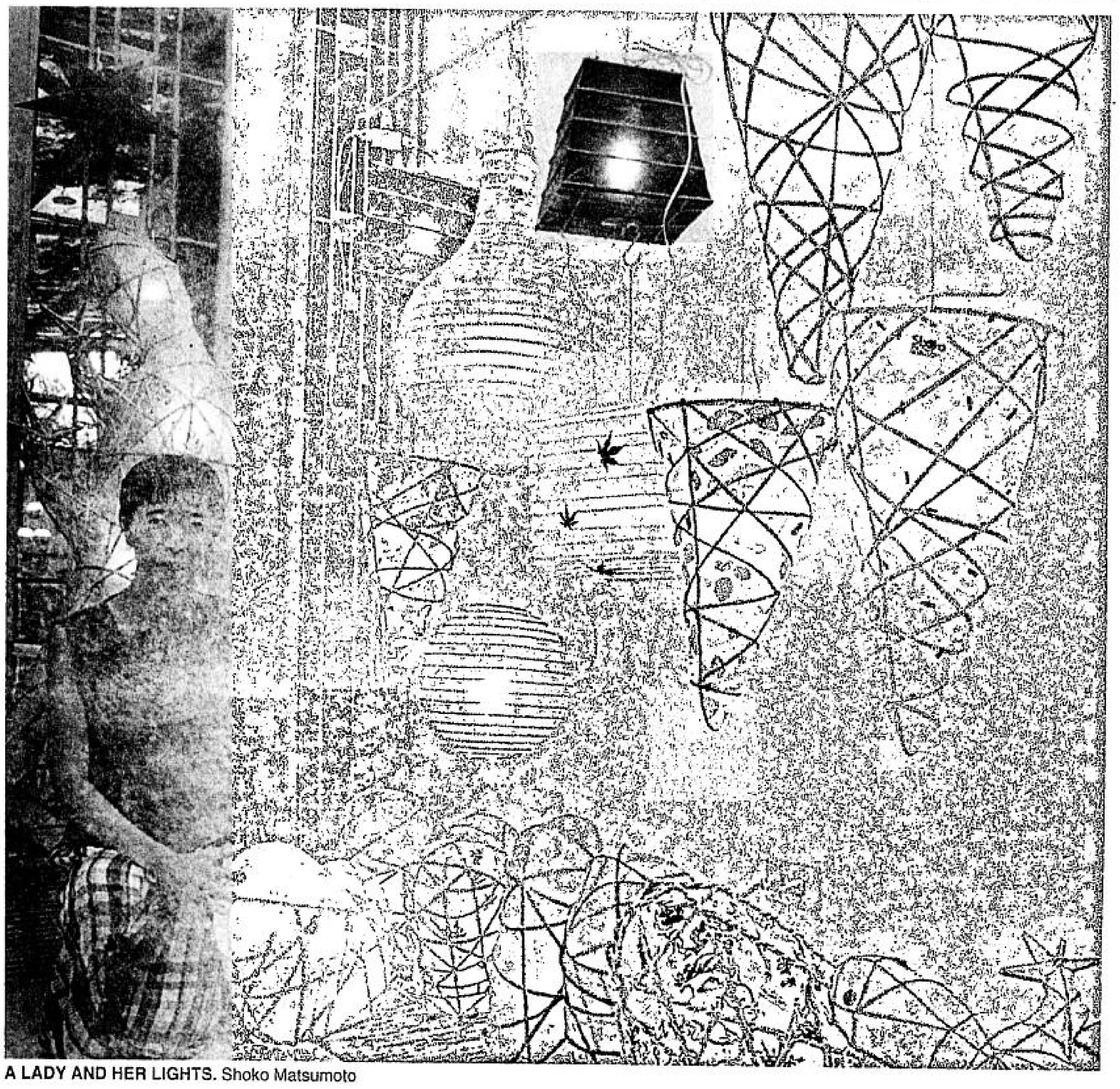

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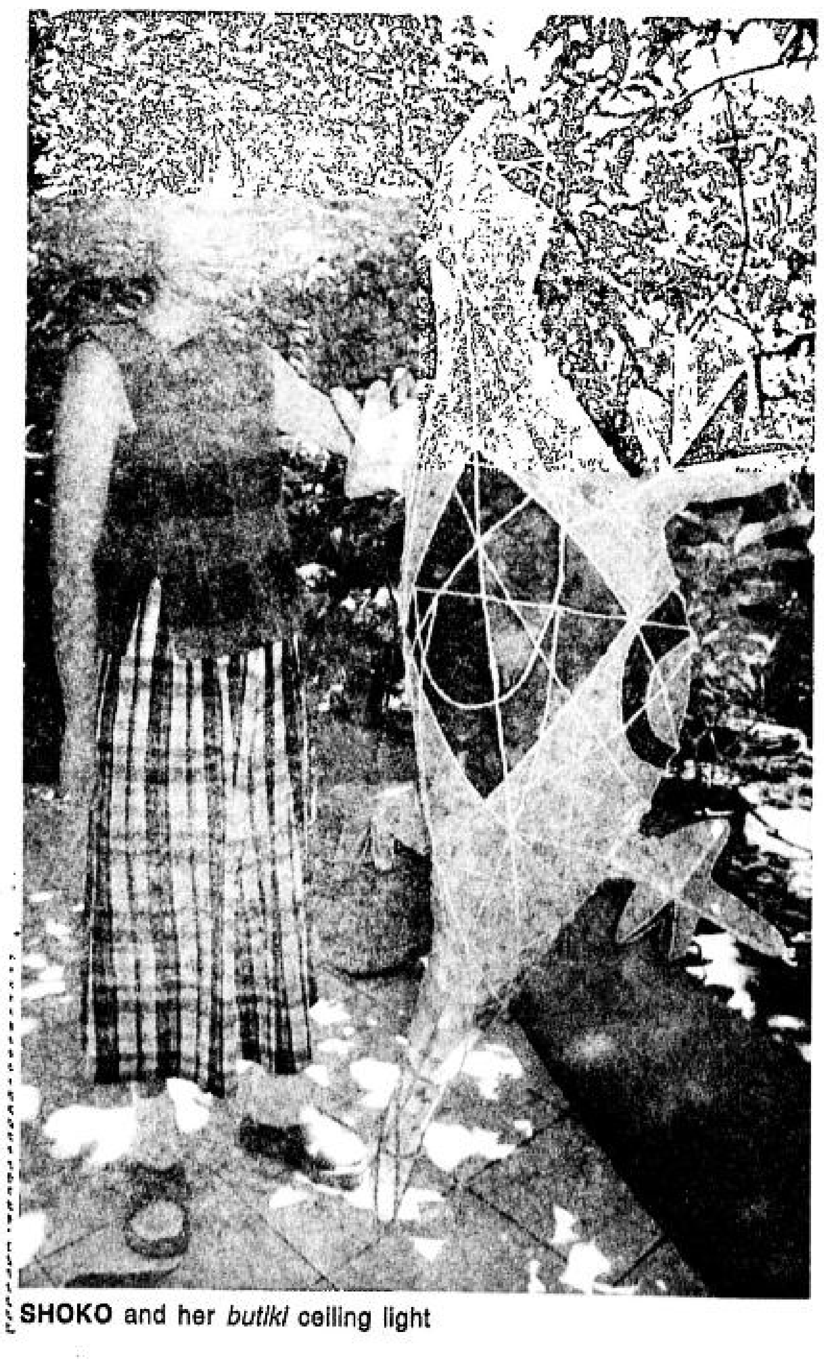

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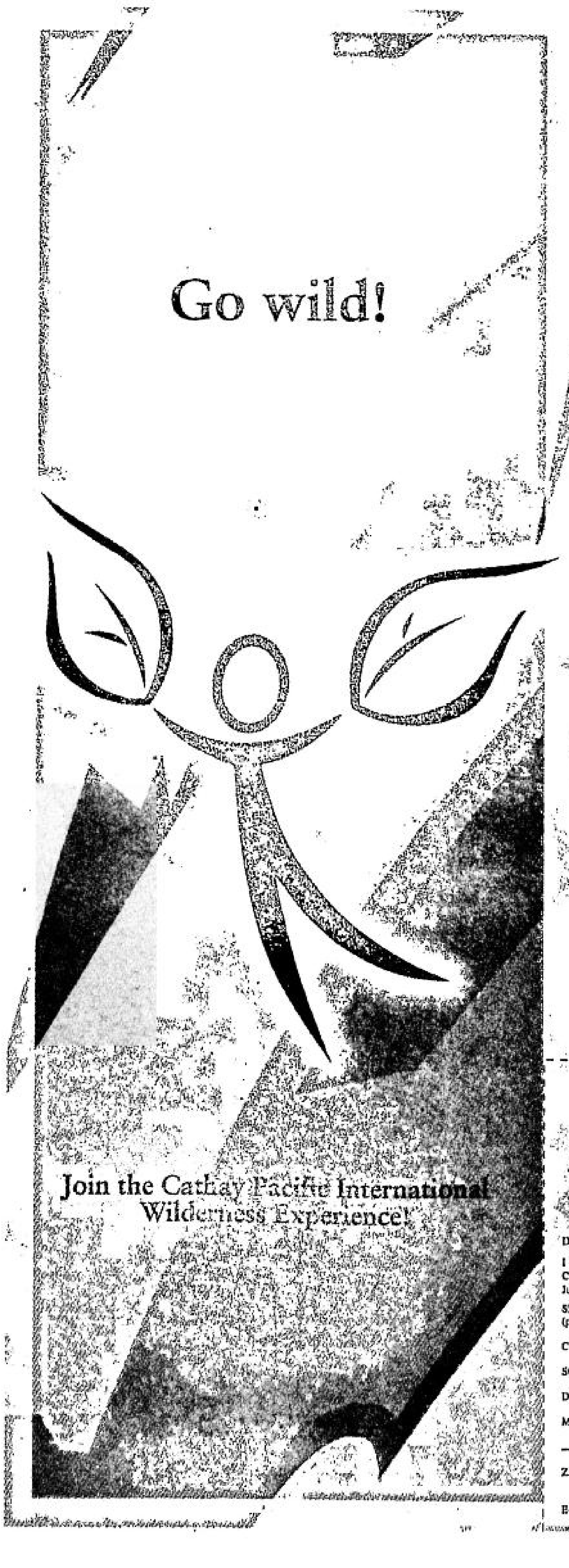
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Constancio de Guzman, composer of 'Bayan Ko' and 'Maalaala Mo Kaya,' honored

CONSTANCIO de Guzman, composer and lyricist of immortal love songs "Maalaala Mo Kaya," "Ang Tangi Kong Pag-ibig" and "Babalik Ka Rin," was honored with a concert tribute given by The Tribung Pilipino Foundation headed by Danny Dolor. The affair was held at the Pearl Manila, the newest hotel in Ermita.

Very few are aware that the patriotic song, "Bayan Ko," now considered the Philippine's second national anthem, was composed by De Guzman in 1928 (the lyrics is by Jose Corazon de Jesus). It must be remembered that the country was under the American regime at that time and the spirit of nationalism was raging in the hearts of Filipinos.

Paying tribute to De Guzman's music were veteran performer Sylvia la Torre, soprano; Liza Cabahug, soprano; Nolyn Cabahug, tenor; and the Tribung Pinoy's Gloria Coronel, soprano, and Vladimir Valera, baritone. Julie Mendoza was assisting pianist.

Dely Magpayo, known to millions of fans as Tia Dely, and Lulu Francisco, Foundation trustee, gave reminiscences of De Guzman.

De Guzman was born in Manila on Nov. 11, 1903 to Higino de Guzman, a writer in Spanish, and Margarita Canseco. He married Leaner Buensuceso with whom he had six children. He was the grandson of fictionist and *zarzuela* impresario Severino Reyes, nephew of Tagalog novelist Lope K Santos, and brother of film director and screenwriter Susana de Guzman.

In his boyhood, De Guzman studied piano and composition under Nicanor Abelardo. But his father sent him to law school. Later he switched to commerce and finished business administration in 1931. After passing the Certified Public Accountancy board exam, he started working in the movies, together with his sister Susana.

One of De Guzman's compositions, "Panaginip," became a big hit by accident. His father heard Constancio play the song and had it published, thinking it was the composition of a friend. It sold by the thousands, and the father was surprised to learn it was his own son's work. De Guzman then recorded hundreds of songs principally under Villar Records and Columbia Records.

De Guzman was at one time director of Villar Records. He was also musical director in many music companies pines and served as director of the Filipino Society of Composers, Arrangers and Publishers.

His other notable compositions are "Ang Tangi Kong Pag-Ibig," "Birheng Walang Dambana," "Namumukod na Bituin," "Pagdating ng Takipsilim," "Bulong-Bulongan" and "Pamaypay ng Maynila." Most of his compositions were used as theme songs in many prewar and postwar films.

For his consistent effort to put to the fore Filipino culture and sensibility through his popular and nationalistic songs, The Parangal Sentenyal sa Sining at Kultura was conferred on De Guzman on Feb. 2, 1999.

The Tribung Pilipino Foundation, headed by Dolor, was organized to propagate the love for and interest in traditional Filipino music—*kundiman*, *harana*, *balitaw* and *danza*, especially among the youth. Through the Tribung Pinoy, the Foundation has presented concerts here and abroad, concert-lectures and concert tributes to great men and women in music and literature, among them *zarzuela* queen Atang de la Rama, poets Francisco Balagtas and Florentino Collantes, poet-lyricist and *balagtasan* king Jose Corazon de Jesus, composers Nicanor Abelardo and Santiago S. Suarez, National Artist and lyricist Levi Celerio, Sylvia la Torre, opera diva Conching Rosal and *zarzuela* star and the first Filipina recording artist Maria Carpena.

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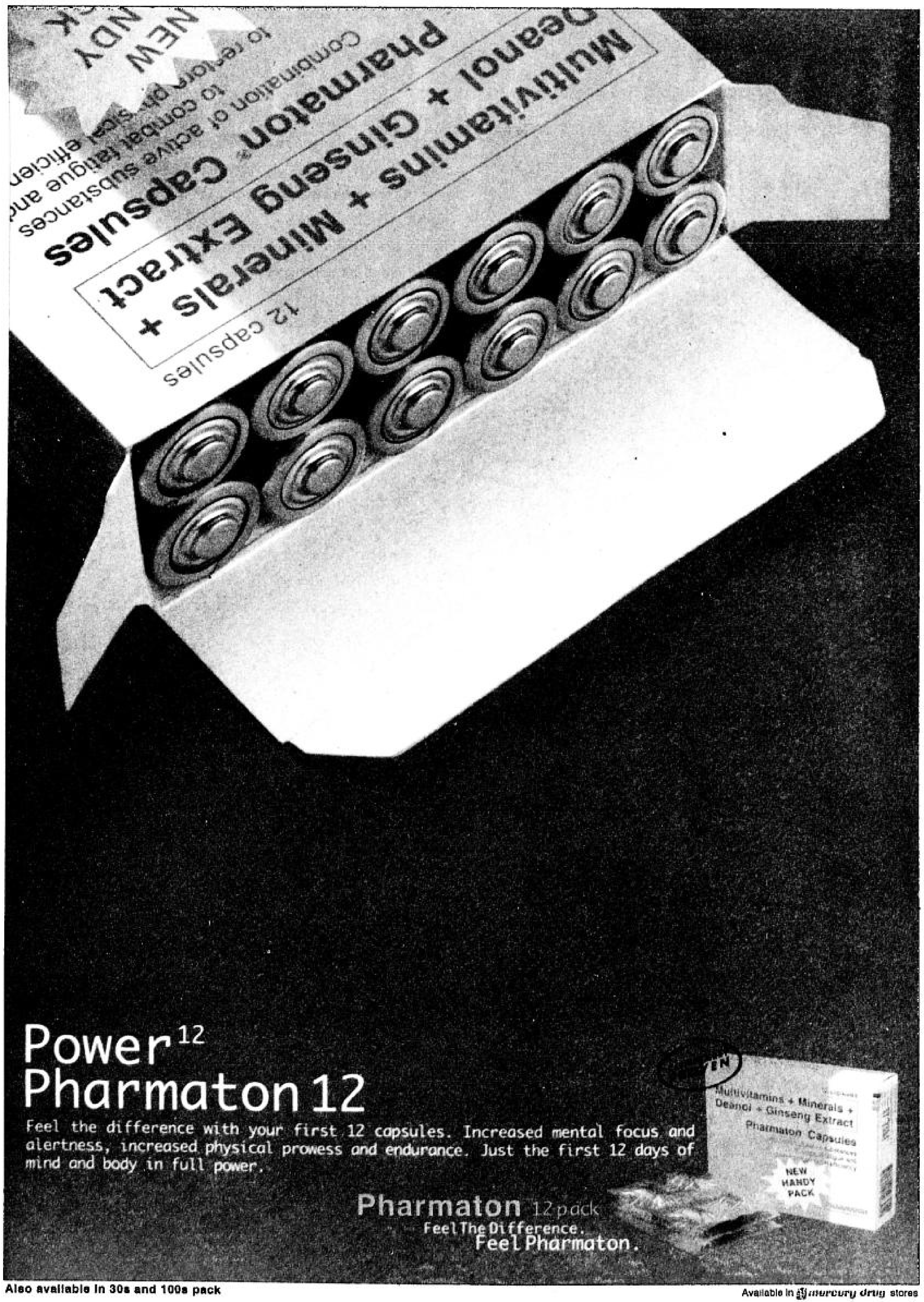

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Lisa Macuja-Elizalde teaches ballet at Aguinaldo

RENOWNED prima ballerina Lisa Macuja-Elizalde will head a team of accomplished dance instructors in what is to be the mother of all summer arts workshops. The Aguinaldo Academy of the Arts (AAA) will be offering a series of courses in the performing arts from April 16 to June 2 at the Teatro Aguinaldo Complex, Camp Aguinaldo, QC.

The Aguinaldo Academy of the Arts is the training and development arm in the performing arts of Teatro Aguinaldo. Under the stewardship of Col. Eduardo Visperas (ret.) and operations manager Col. Carlos A. Mabagos (ret.), the theater has played host to a great number of prestigious events, such as the Famas, Awit Awards, the Broadway musical "They're Playing Our Song" and original works staged by Teatro Gantimpala.

To date, it is one of the best-equipped theatrical venues in the country that can seat an audience of 1,074. It has by far the best facilities for laboratory, dance and performance classes. Its stage and dance studios have been newly renovated, based on the strict specifications of Ballet Manila, to suit the rehearsal and performance demands of classical ballet and modern dance. Macuja-Elizalde, together with Aileen Lopez, will be handling two classes in Ballet for the AAA. Ballet 1 is offered for children ages 3-9, for them to learn grace, poise and the Kirov brand of dance discipline. This course is being offered four times a week, on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:30-10 a.m.

Ballet 2 is an intermediate class in ballet open to students ages 13 and up who have had some previous ballet training. The course will run for six weeks of rigid training every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10-11:30 a.m.

Osias Barroso will serve as rehearsal master and choreographer for both classes in collaboration with Russian-import Victor Seveliev.

The AAA is also offering a first-ever course in Street Dancing twice a week, every Tuesday and Thursday, 2-5 p.m. Bryan Rosal and Jojo Zafra will be teaching. As an added treat, Manoeuvres superstars, brothers Joshua and Jason Zamora will give demonstrations.

AAA is also offering other courses in Basic Acting in the Musical Stage; Voice and Music Theory as well as Children's Theater. The course on Children's Theater is every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. It is to be handled by Adriana Agcaoili of the Gantimpala Theater Foundation.

Basic Acting in the Musical Stage takes place every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 2-5 p.m. Raymund Lauchengco and Teatro Aguinaldo's resident artistic director Roxanne A. Lapus are workshop directors.

The course on Voice and Music Theory is open to 15-year-olds and above. Classes are from 6-8:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. It will be handled by vocal coach Simon Ang.

Enrolment fee for each course is P5,000. Call 912-6162/9234/6260.

WORKSHOP DIRECTORS: From left, Simon Ang, Raymond Lauchengco, Lisa Macuja-Elizalde, Adriana Agcaoili, Roxanne A. Lapus, Bayan Rosal and Jojo Zafra

Ilocos Norte as concert destination

(From page D8)

House in Badoc town where the country's first violinist, Manuel Luna (brother of painter Juan Luna), came from. That house should be transformed into a venue for chamber music to remember the country's first violinist who graduated in a Barcelona conservatory of music in the late 1800s.

Old musical glory

Also perfect for theater is the Bacarra Ruins in Bacarra town where I saw old discarded violins and a dilapidated piano and harpsichord in the parish museum. Those neglected musical instruments certainly speak of the old musical glory of this town and I hope the NCCA do something about them.

"Are you calling the bats?" Bambi asked me as I clapped to test the acoustics of Sarrat Church. In the company of Margie, we inspected the church catacombs as I played on my tape of soprano Sumi Jo to neutralize a "bold" pop song ("Sex Bomb") being played somewhere else.

As bats flew in and out of the Sarrat Church catacombs, I told Margie and Bambi, "Isn't this catacomb perfect for 'Giselle' Act II?"

At the Palazzo de Laoag, where we were served exotic Ilocano dishes, the hotel manager, Nonong Ablan (a confessed frustrated musician), offered his Capilla Multipurpose Hall as a possible chamber music venue. To one's surprise, the hotel has two pianos—a baby grand at the Café Teresa coffee shop and an upright in the Capilla Hall.

"All you need in this hotel is a concert season and a piano tuner," said Nonong.

Grandeur

But speaking of grandeur, nothing beats the Fort Ilocandia Hotel as another cultural venue. It managed to capture the Ilocano century-old living quarters and it sits on a 77-hectare land by the sea.

The grand ballroom has a Yamaha baby grand and the hall itself can accommodate a symphony orchestra.

What I'd suggest to NCCA and the CCP is to mount a composition and choreographic competition on the subject "Ilocos Norte Sketches" and the winning suite should open a season of music and dance in the province's different concert venues.

But right now, I could hardly wait to listen to Pajaro's "Ilocano Song Cycle" being sang in a recital at Palazzo de Laoag.

How I wish the next edition of the Guling-Guling Festival will feature celebrated Ilocano artists interpreting Ilocano songs. I hope the festival's rich folkloric components will not end in a comedy skit at the town plaza, but in an evening of Brahms and Pajaro at the town's cultural center.

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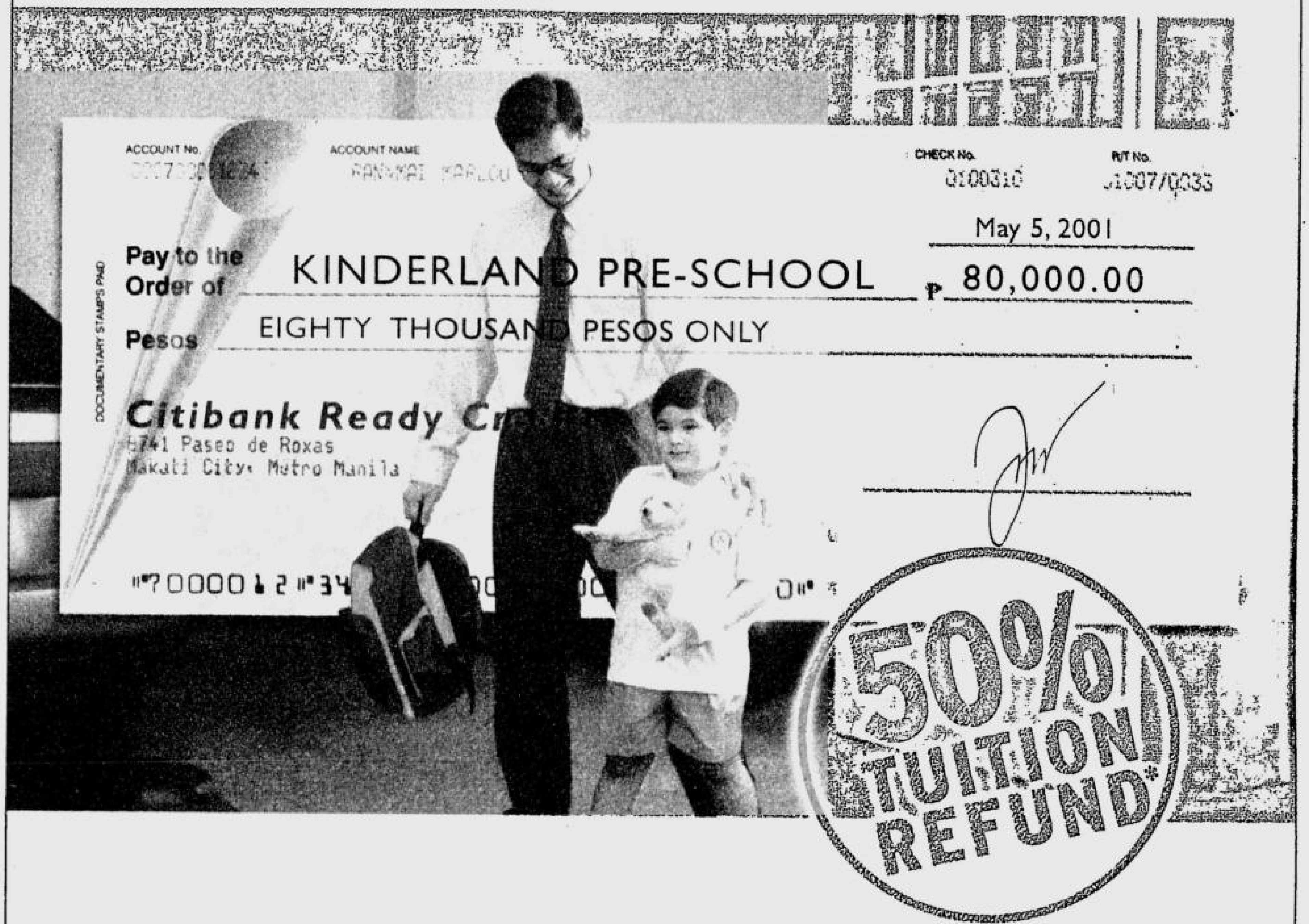

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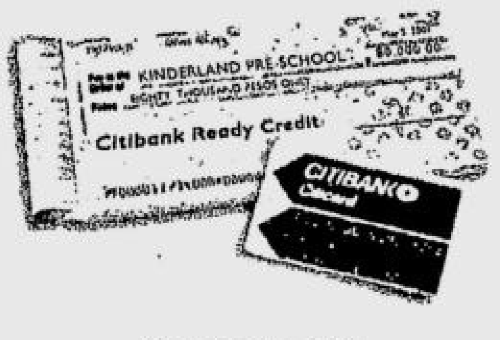

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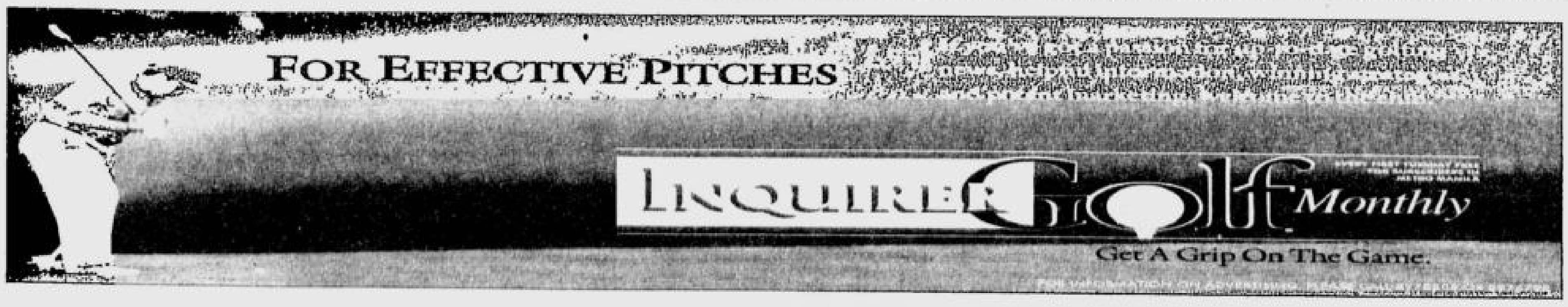

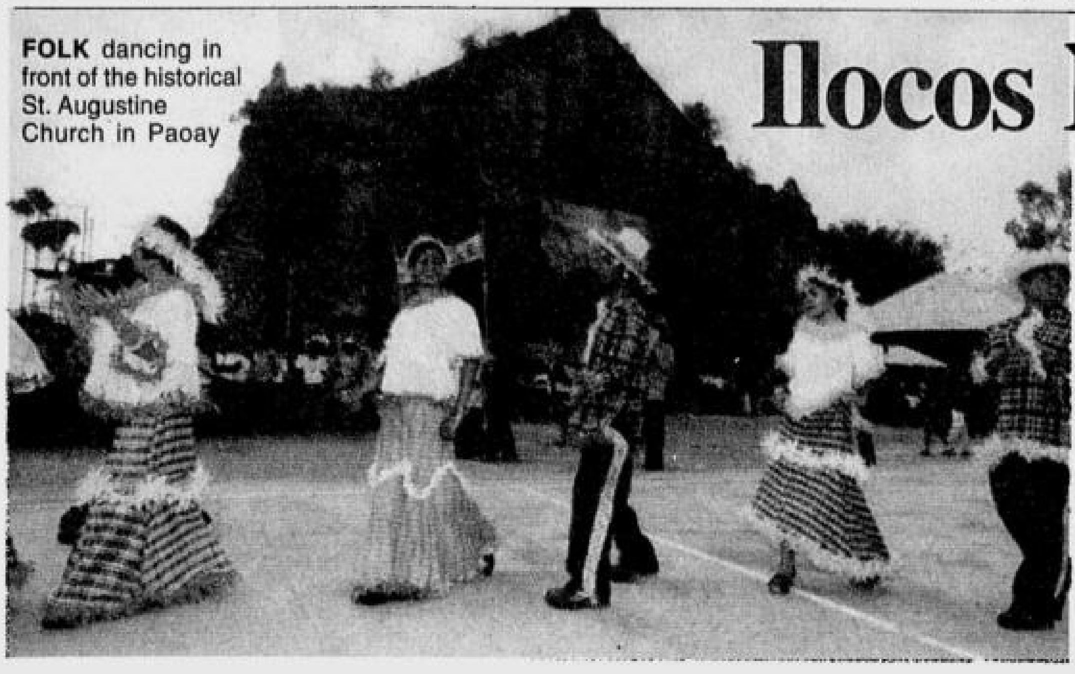

FOLK dancing in front of the historical St. Augustine Church in Paoay

Ilocos Norte as concert destination

BY PABLO A. TARIMAN

TAKE note of that house. Aside from distinct Ilocano decor, it has singers chanting the Guling-Guling songs. Mark the beat and the rhythm."

Thus admonished Irene Marcos Araneta, the musician, as I boarded a *caromata* for judges led by former Miss Universe Margie Moran-Floirendo, choreographer Ramon Obusan and PDI columnist Bambi Harper.

As Jury No. 4 in the House Decor and Street Dancing contests of the recently concluded Guling-Guling Festival in Paoay, Ilocos Norte, my mind was not so much on house decors but on possible concert venues, ideas for an Ilocos song cycle (in the category of one superbly done by Eliseo Pajaro and sang by an Ilocano tenor, Noel Velasco) or an orchestral suite inspired by the place.

The Guling-Guling was introduced by Spanish friars in the 16th century as a way of interacting with local parishioners. Now it has evolved into a festival where women don their *abel* (hand-woven clothing material) *kimona* and house owners join decor tilts showcasing what is unique about the Paoayeño way of life.

The festival certainly revealed Paoay's colorful past—its dances, its delicacies (*dudol*), its wine (*basi*), its folk rituals.

PAOAY Mayor Nenuca Evangelista draws the sign of the cross on the foreheads of townsfolk.

But after going through hundreds of gaily decorated houses and an equal number of street dancers garbed in assorted *abel* costumes, my mind was on Ilocos Norte as a cultural destination. Bambi and I inspected the Paoay Church (now a UN Heritage Site) and I said what a perfect venue for Mahler's "Resurrection."

After a walk on Pagudpud Beach and a breathtaking view of the China Sea on top of Cape Bojeador Lighthouse in Burgos town, I certainly would want to proceed to the Luna

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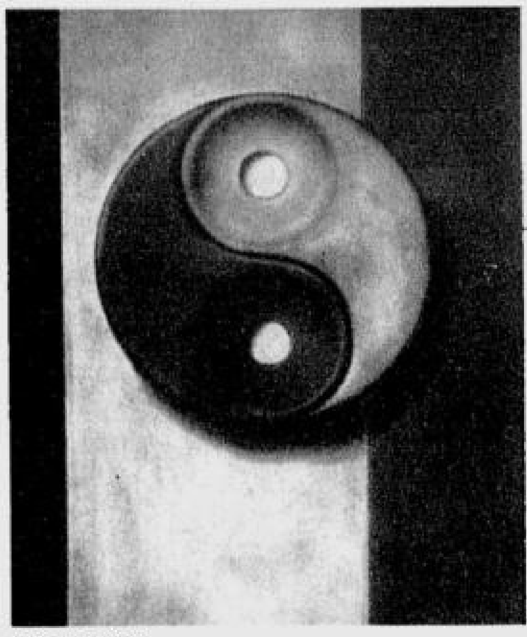

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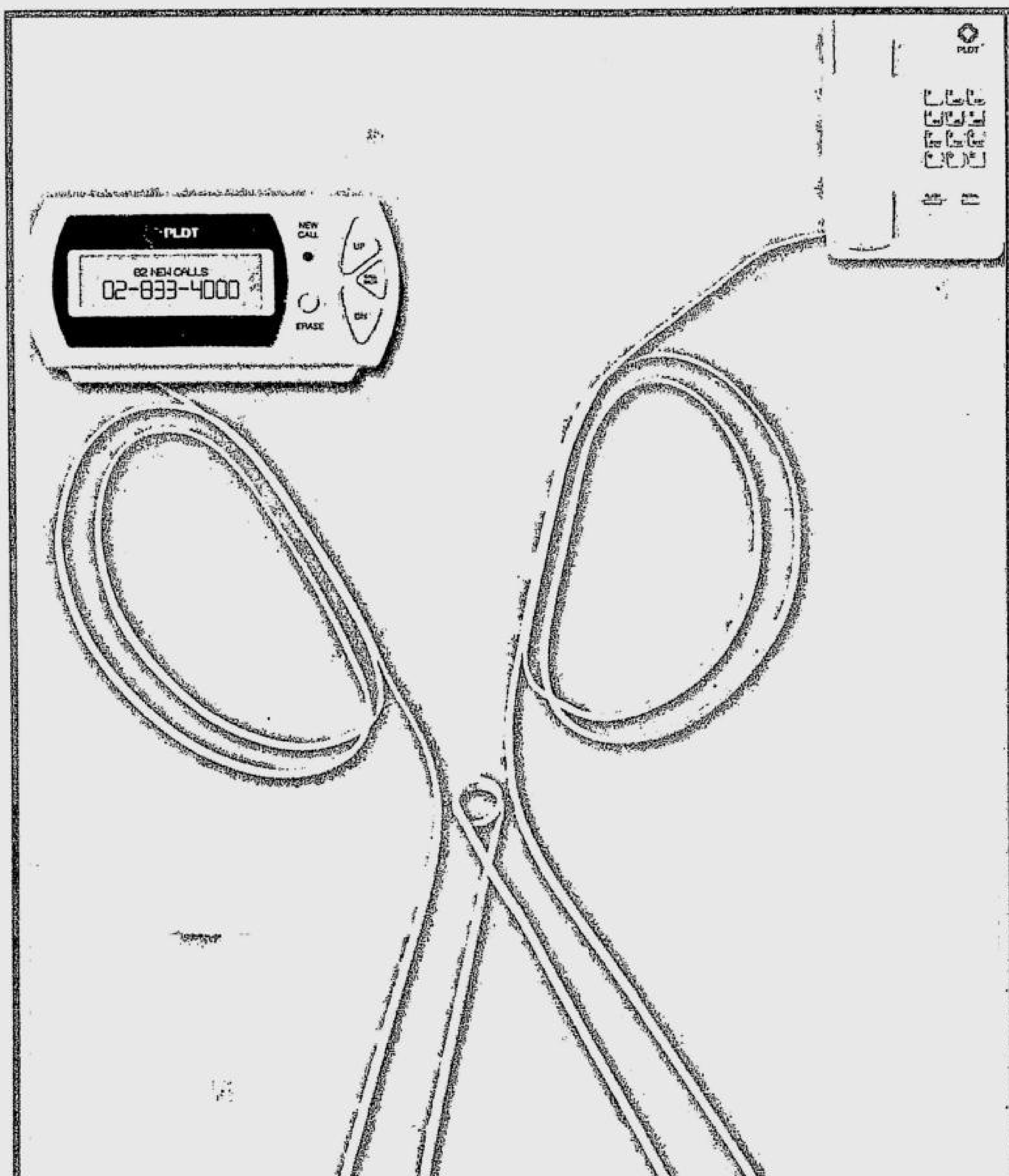

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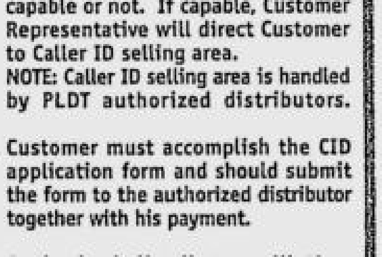

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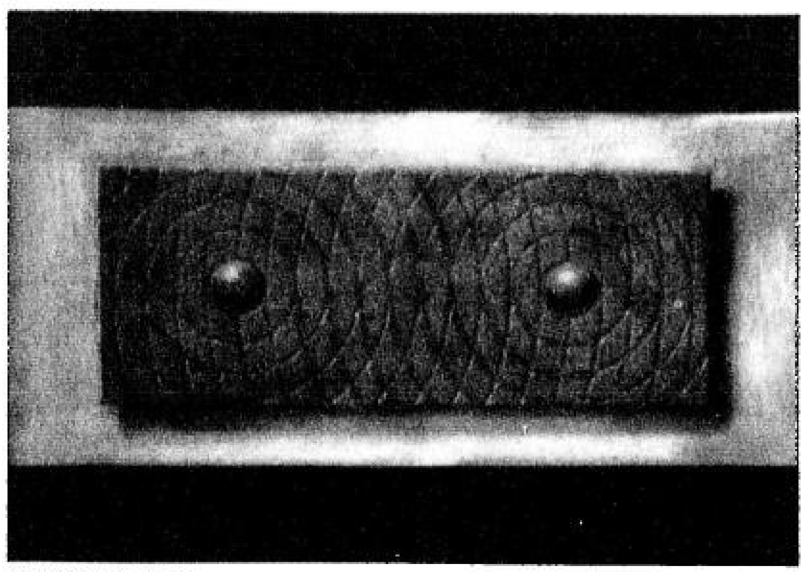
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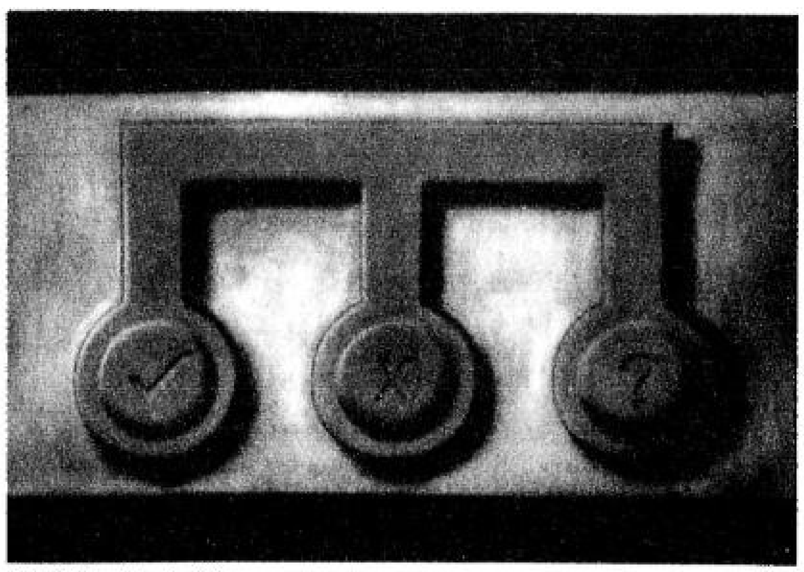
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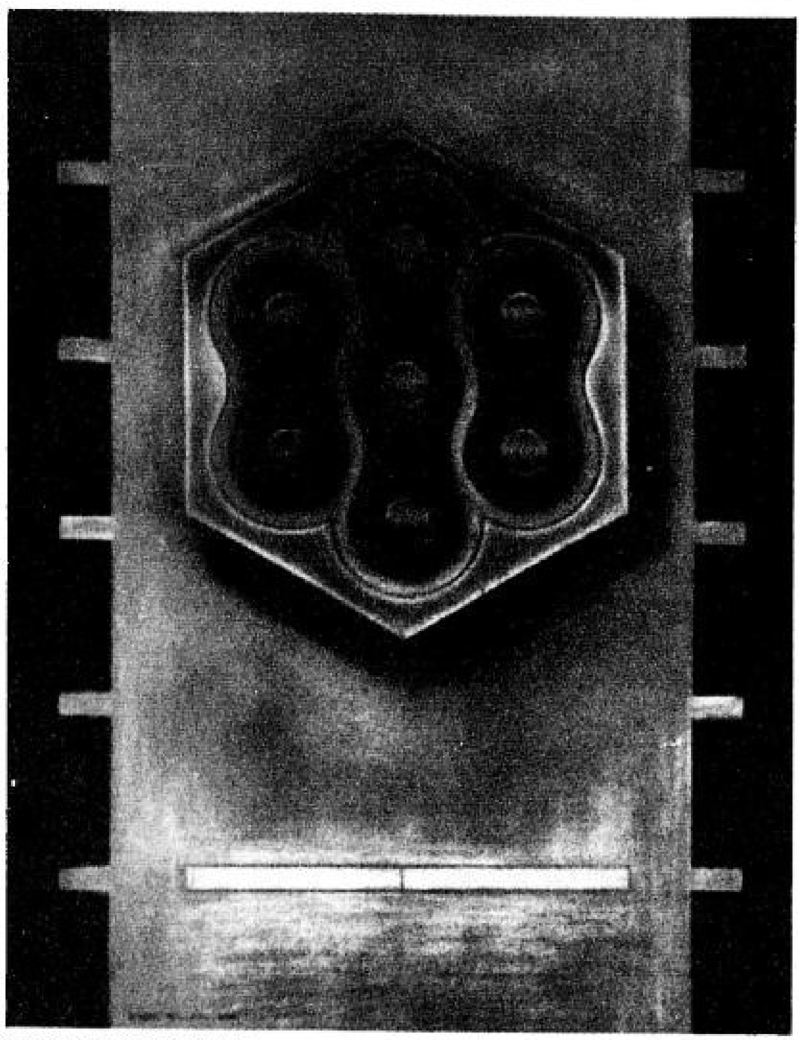

"THE GATEKEEPER"

Visual koans play on paradoxes

(From page E1)

and gray with the occasional blue and dashes of red. The careful shading makes the floating figures look quite solid, tridimensional, hard, heavy, metallic even, like spare parts of a mysterious mechanism.

The 50 pastel compositions constitute the first series of Mallari's "visual koans" (original title of the exhibit). Here the artist plays on paradoxes that are bound to raise nonsensical questions in the viewers.

"Ovum," 64 cm x 49 cm, in gray and black, looks like a portrait of a giant egg, which could be a rugby ball, below which is a sloping contour of a dune, which could be a body part. This faintly evokes Magritte.

"Orbs Orbit," 64.5 cm x 44 cm, is three circles on a broken plate, or hubcap, or mag wheel, in gray, black and indigo. Satellites, or dish?

"CMXCIX," 63.5 cm x 49 cm, is three loops in blue, black and gray intertwined to form 999, looking like three doughnuts contained in a bigger doughnut.

Graphic illustration

"Plus Not Minus," 49 cm x 63.5 cm, is gray squares and circles and a red cross in a red circle.

"X, Excised," 47.5 cm x 64 cm, in black, gray and slate, is a cross in a circle in a cross in a square of four rectangles.

"Caduceus," 49 cm x 63.5 cm, is a modification of the symbol of the medical profession, showing an entwined form on a staff against a gray plane bordered by black planes.

"Cipher," 49 cm x 64 cm, a composition of 16 red matchstick figures on a narrow red plane bordered by alternating gray and black planes, looks like a cartoon Last Supper.

"Polarity," 44 cm x 64.5 cm, is positive and negative terminals connected by a cord, on a gray plane bordered by red planes, with what could be black railroad tracks above.

"Totem," 63.5 cm x 49 cm, is a black figure of what could be a Japanese character, a samurai headdress or a temple gateway against a gray plane, with a red plane at the bottom.

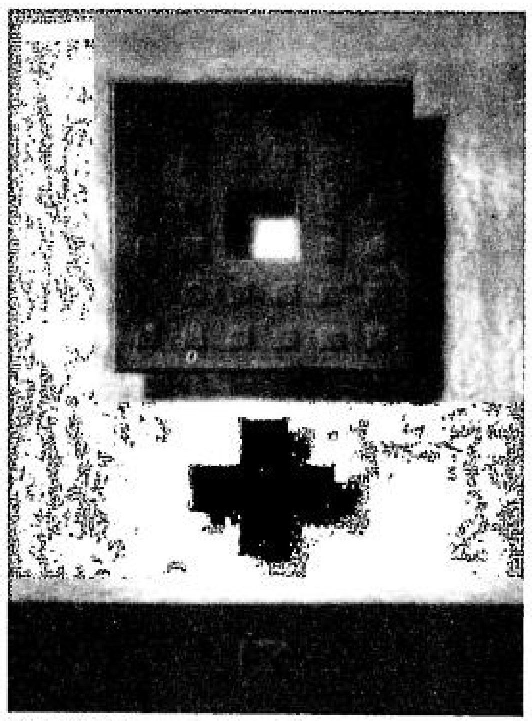
"Resonance," 45.5 cm x 64.5 cm, showing two circles surrounded by overlapping circles on a red plane against a gray plane bordered by black planes, is a graphic illustration of sound waves.

"Tetrad," 64 cm x 47 cm, is a big red square containing numerous red squares in relief, with a hollow gray square at the center, against a gray backdrop, then a black cross, and a black plane at the bottom with an X in a square. This is faintly reminiscent of a Dali "Crucifixion."

Strong contrasts

"Yes, No, Maybe," 64 cm x 47 cm, in blue, gray and black, is, of course, a check, an X, and a question mark engraved in what look like tablets of aspirin held together by a downturned E.

"Kohaku," 45 cm x 64.5 cm, in red, gray and black, shows the Oriental symbol for the yang-yin cocreators on what looks like a shutter window. Flag of Korea, or Japan?


"TETRAD"

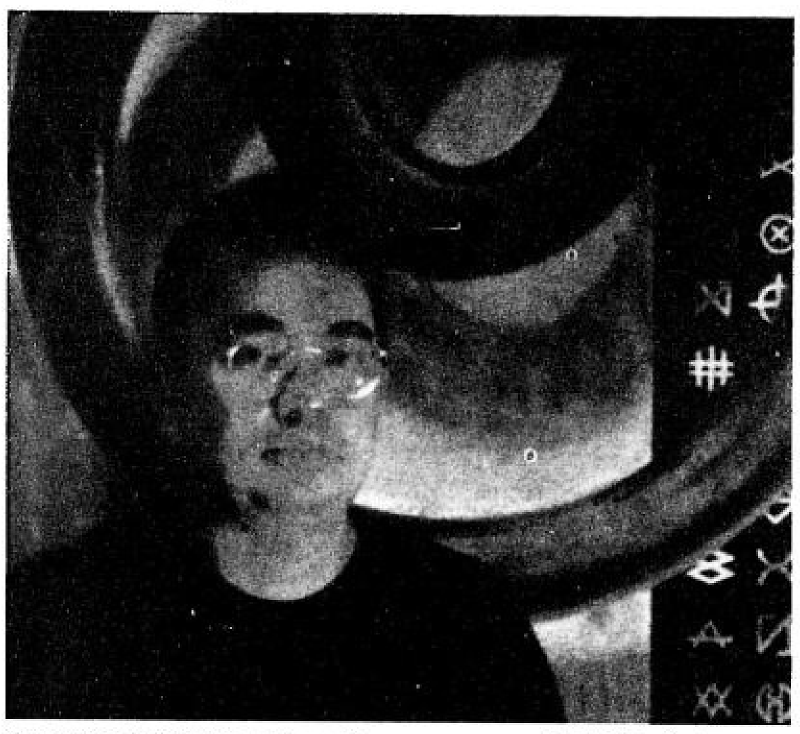
"The Gatekeeper" (originally "Zygogenesis"), 64 cm x 49 cm, in gray, blue and black, looks like details of a hasp—or are these metallic gametes bound in a union?

There are strong contrasts in these compositions, of the high-tech and the ancient, of Western and Oriental symbols, the soft and the hard, the massive and the light.

The viewer may not make out what is in front of him but he will never fail to appreciate the rigid patterns and the highly schematized hues. This, of course, makes each piece in the exhibit the richer for its ambiguity.

"It looks realistic but it has no relation to reality," says Mallari of this paradoxical merging of reality and abstraction, of abstract art with a strong emphasis on composition. "They're very strong shapes, almost as strong as logos."

When you contemplate these forms, however, don't ask for meaning, for there is no external meaning aside from the meaning of their being. Pleasure, thus illumination, is derived from what these heavy-looking yet floating objects effect on the mind. We don't want to cite the abused concept of Zen, but that's what they are.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ARTIST REBORN. Michelle Perez-Gemperle at home with ceramic paintings of sons Marcel and Mikel in the background.

Michelle Perez-Gemperle has given up enamel for ceramic. It's not only a different kind of art, but a different kind of high

Happy with ceramic

By Alex Y. Vergara
Photos by Betoy Johnson

ARTIST Michelle Perez-Gemperle has found a new way to share her art and still have a life. She was into enamel painting several years ago until she quit due to sheer exhaustion. Thanks to son Marcel, she recently found a similar but less taxing alternative: ceramic painting.

"Enamel painting became so tedious and time-consuming," she recalls. "It really wasn't for me."

Since Perez-Gemperle has always been inclined to the arts, her mom encouraged her to take up art classes soon after finishing interdisciplinary studies at the Ateneo. The young woman was so enamored with magazine pictures of art pieces in enamel, she soon found herself taking the next available plane to Madrid to learn the art.

There, she toiled for more than eight months under the exacting standards of Spanish artist Angela Crespo de Perreira. Alas, the process wasn't as easy as she imagined it to be, more so because she loved to do complicated portraits instead of small costume jewelry pieces.

Dying art

After recovering from the initial shock, she soon learned why enamel painting has become a dying art.

"Few people are probably willing to devote their lives into it," says Perez-Gemperle. "After finishing an artwork, I had to fire it constantly for an entire day until it was baked. The more color I used, the more I had to face a hot kiln to bake a particular shade."

Gemperle did get to express her art for a time, converting part of her family's home in Pasay into a studio. Such a tedious art form, however, soon had to give way to marriage. And when Marcel, now 6, was born, Perez-Gemperle had precious little time and energy left to fashion faces out of enamel.

That all changed late last year when Perez-Gemperle learned of a place called Pottery Exchange. She thought of bringing her firstborn there to doodle on half-baked bisques. Little did she know that the initial visit would inspire her to pick up her brush anew.

Shifting with ease

"When I saw how ceramic painting was done," she says, "I suddenly told myself this is for me."

Thanks to her ample training, Perez-Gemperle has shifted with ease from one medium to another. And, unlike enamel painting, she found ceramic painting easier and faster to execute. Once Perez-Gemperle is finished painting a piece, it goes straight into the oven only once regardless of the number of colors. Pottery Exchange does the baking and glazing for her.

The only thing to watch out for is the gradual shift in color once the piece is baked. Experience and plain old instinct, of course, count a lot in achieving consistency. At least the change in color isn't as drastic as in enamel painting. Unlike before, none of her white shades have so far turned to red.

"The technical part is easier," she adds. "But the artistic part is almost the same. There's no way of knowing how a piece of ceramic painting would turn out until you remove it from the oven. By then, it would be too late to make any corrections."

After getting back into her artistic groove, Perez-Gemperle lost no time sharing her art. She's now into portraitures, either in color or in Delft blue, done on tiles and bisques. Her works usually fetch P3,000 a piece, but the final price will eventually depend on the de-

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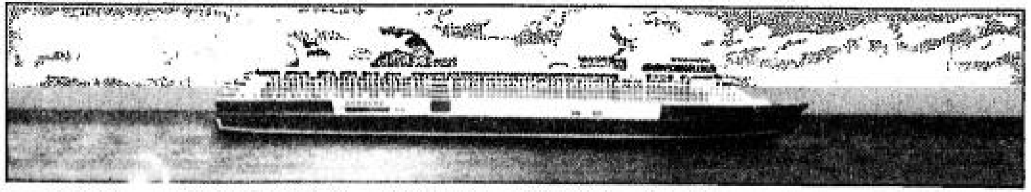

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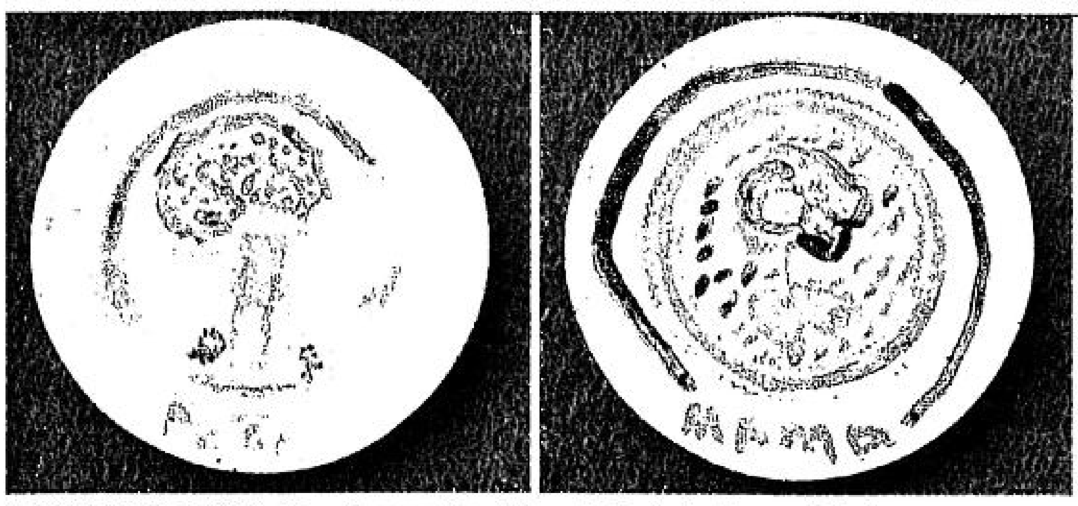
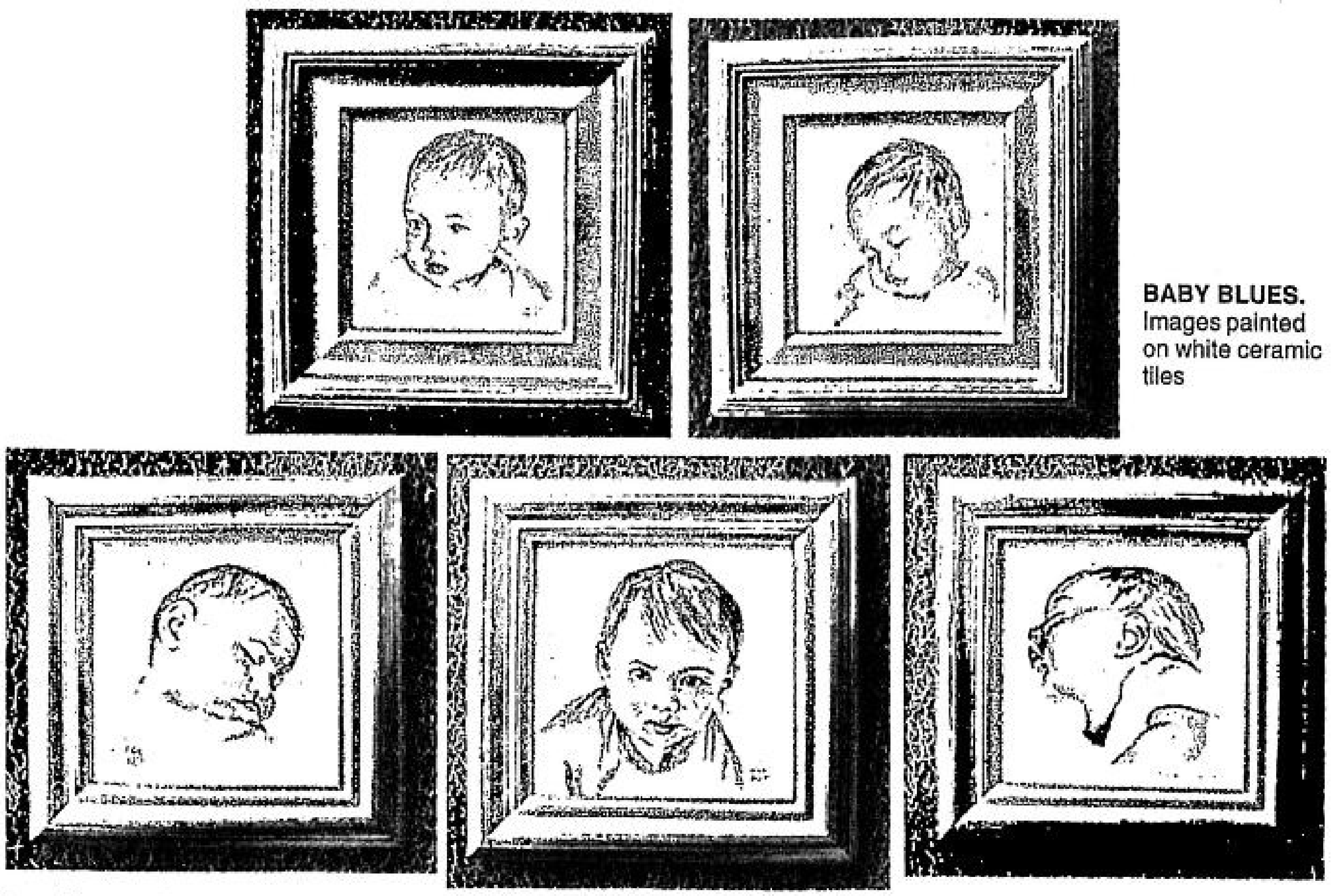


FAVORITE SUBJECTS. Marcel's ceramic paintings dedicated to Mom and Dad



BABY BLUES. Images painted on white ceramic tiles

Happy with ceramic

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gree of difficulty and the number of tiles used.

You don't have to bring a dozen of your best shots, Perez-Gemperle says, but it does help if you bring several pictures so she can find the best angle. As far as she sees it, blue and white ceramic paintings look more realistic than colored ones.

"I was awed by the blue-and-white buildings covered with ceramic tiles my husband and I saw several years ago in Portugal," she says. No, Perez-Gemperle has no desire of leaving her mark on buildings. Well, not yet, anyway.

She has done a few ceramic paintings for friends and family. Two of Perez-Gemperle's works depicting sons Marcel and baby Mikel are displayed in the living room together with several enamel pieces from a bygone chapter in her life.

Even her plates weren't spared. Black Dalmatian-like splotches (or cows, if you please), inspired perhaps by items found in Cruella DeVille's kitchen, adorn her ceramic plates. She used nontoxic ceramic paints for her dishes. More than anything else, though, Perez-Gemperle is particularly proud of improvements she made on a quaint sewing table.

Altered table

"I love that table," she says. "I bought it in one of those flea markets in Paris. After haggling for a fair price, I had to lug it around until we reached our hotel. Packing it during our trip back to Manila was another story."

Tired of reminding people to put coasters whenever they place their drinks on top of her cherished wooden piece, Perez-Gemperle altered the top by replacing it with several pieces of ceramic tiles she painted with European blooms. Now guests can do as they please with the table, short of sitting on it or hitting it with a hammer.

"I'm happier now," says the part-time artist. "I've been able to revive my art and enjoy doing it at the same time."

Best of all, the full-time homemaker still has enough time to look after the kids and supervise a growing home.

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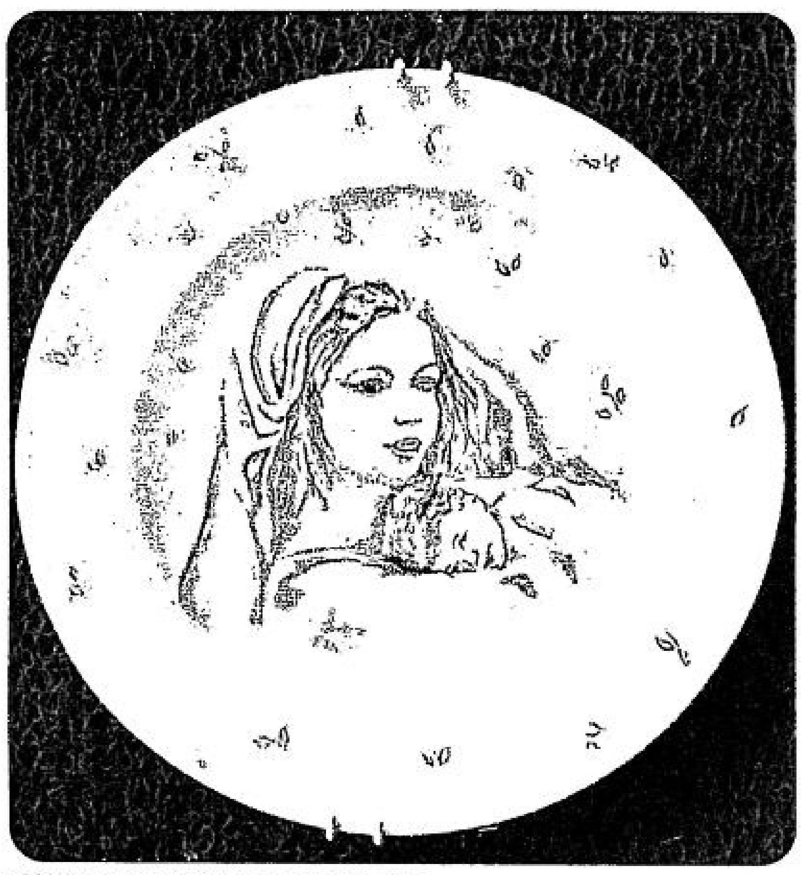

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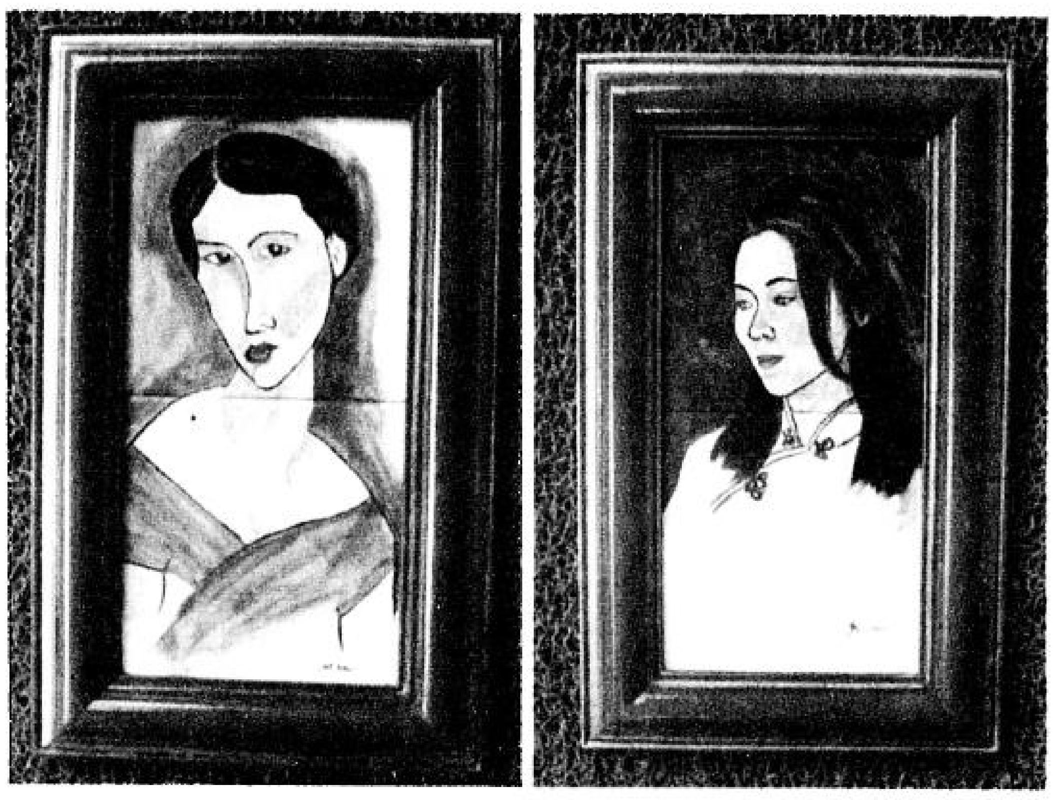

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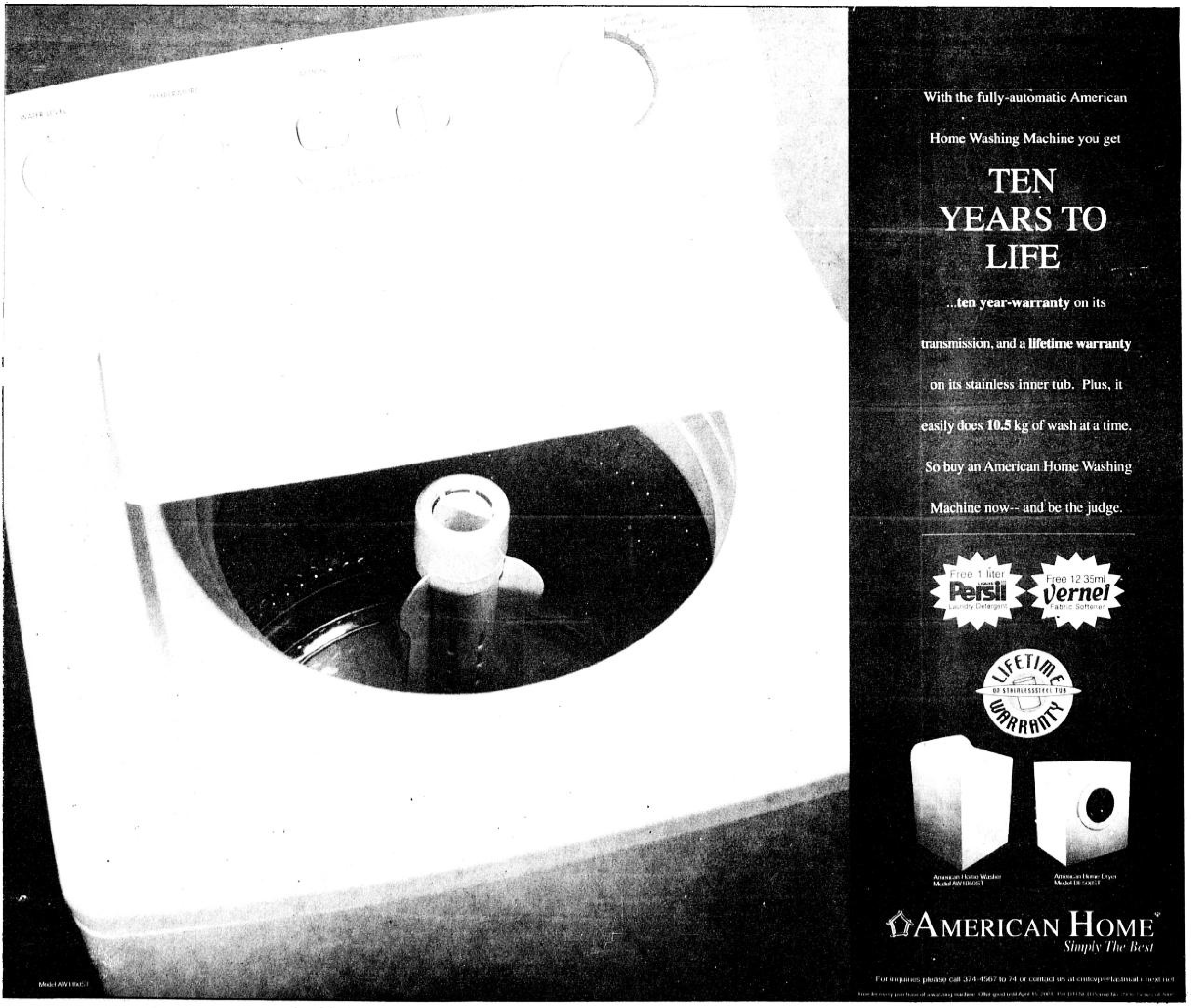

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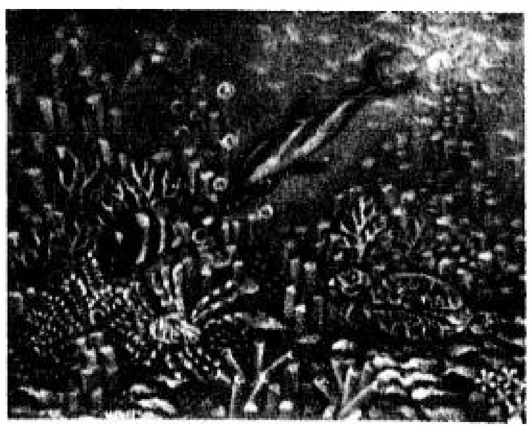

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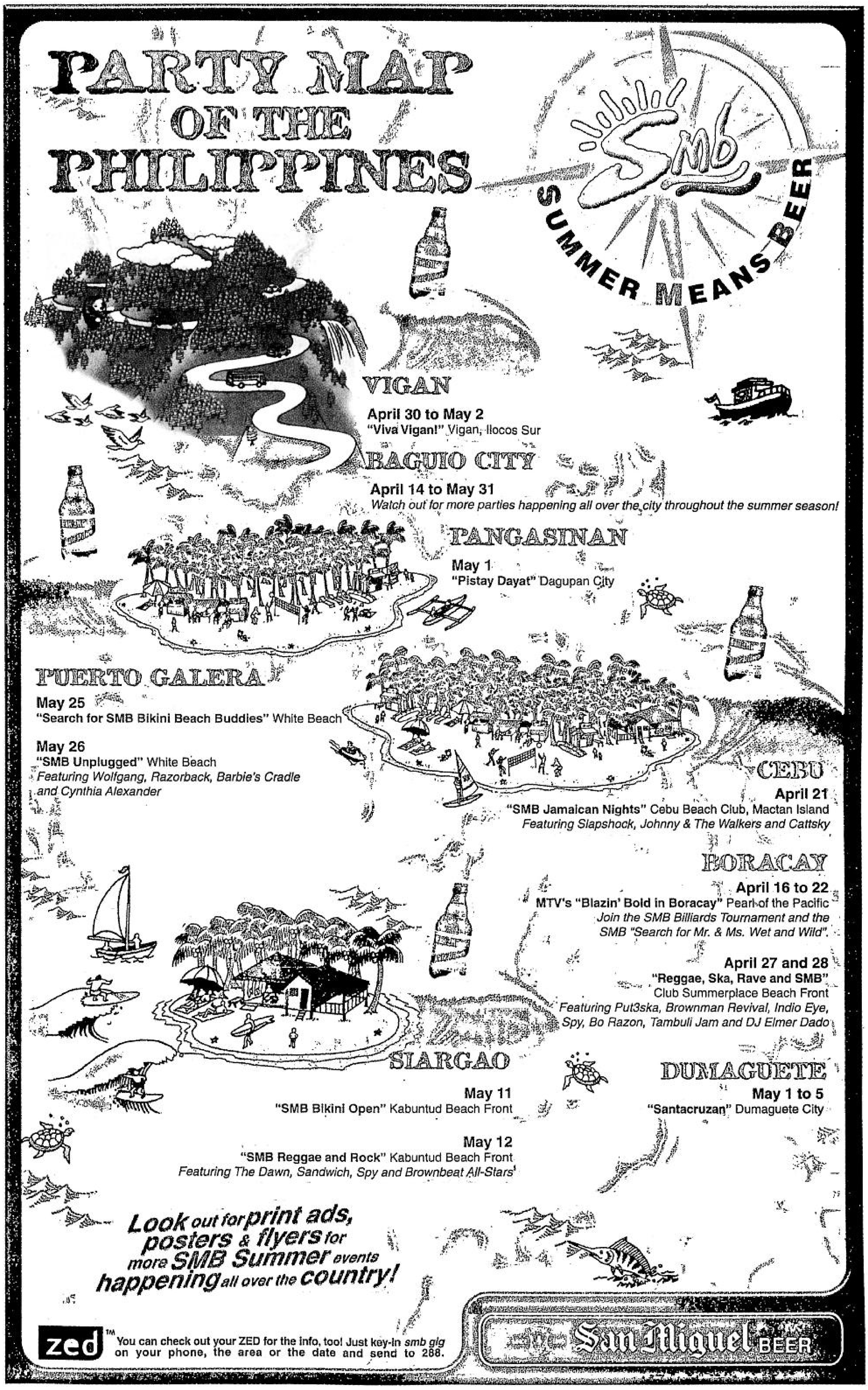
Call 890-3778 or (0917) 368-3212, 10 a.m.-12 nn and 1-5 p.m. Mondays to Fridays. Visitations are by appointment. Lessons will begin on April 20 at 30 Polaris St., Bel-Air, Makati City.

Art courses for summer

ART Innovative offers alternative art courses this summer. Learn the possibilities of artistic expression with earthenware clay. Create your own mugs, plates and bowls. Bisque and glaze dipping are taught before kilning. Experience working on a potter's wheel and create a one-of-a-kind vessel. All these in the Earthenware Ceramics Artistry offered by Art Innovative alternative arts group. Other courses include Stained Glass Mosaic, Sculptural Terracotta Pottery, Bottle Frosting/Painting, Tabletop Topiary, Copperwire Jewelry, Candlepainting/Embellishment and Kiddie Kitchen. Classes begin on April 23. Call Neneth at 854-3496 or Ana at 727-4517.

"THANK You" cards have become a social standard. Some tips: Choose a card that best reflects you. When you think you don't have much to say, choose a small card. Be personal. Do not type your note unless your handwriting is Illegible. Be sincere. If you send your note late, admit it. Source your cards from National Bookstore, which distributes Hallmark Thank You cards.



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April 30 to May 2
"Viva Vigan!" Vigan, Ilocos Sur

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April 14 to May 31
Watch out for more parties happening all over the city throughout the summer season!

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PUERTO GALERA
May 25
"Search for SMB Bikini Beach Buddies" White Beach

May 26
"SMB Unplugged" White Beach
Featuring Wolfgang, Razorback, Barbie's Cradle and Cynthia Alexander

CEBU
April 21
"SMB Jamaican Nights" Cebu Beach Club, Mactan Island
Featuring Slapshock, Johnny & The Walkers and Cattsky

BORACAY
April 16 to 22
MTV's "Blazin' Bold in Boracay" Pearl of the Pacific
Join the SMB Billiards Tournament and the SMB "Search for Mr. & Ms. Wet and Wild".

April 27 and 28
"Reggae, Ska, Rave and SMB"
Club Summerplace Beach Front
Featuring Put3ska, Brownman Revival, Indio Eye, Spy, Bo Razon, Tambuli Jam and DJ Elmer Dado

SIARGAO
May 11
"SMB Bikini Open" Kabuntud Beach Front

May 12
"SMB Reggae and Rock" Kabuntud Beach Front
Featuring The Dawn, Sandwich, Spy and Brownbeat All-Stars

DUMAGUETE
May 1 to 5
"Santacruzan" Dumaguete City

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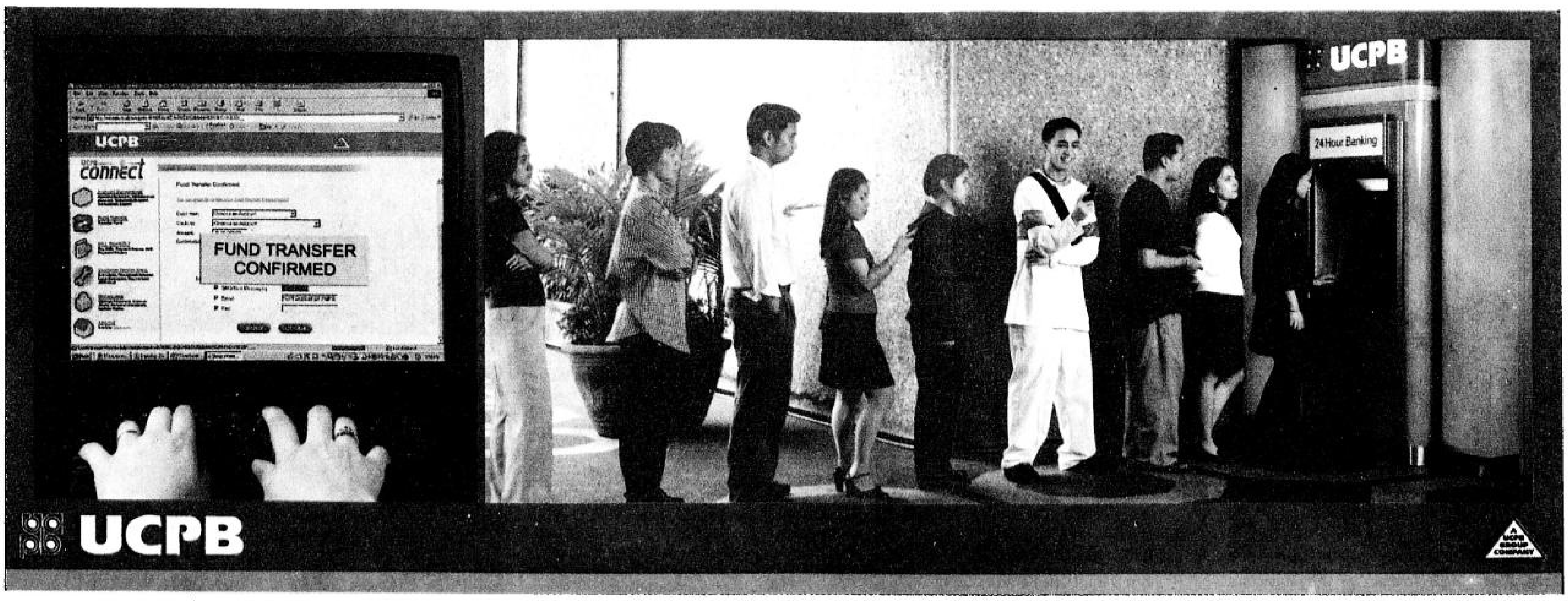

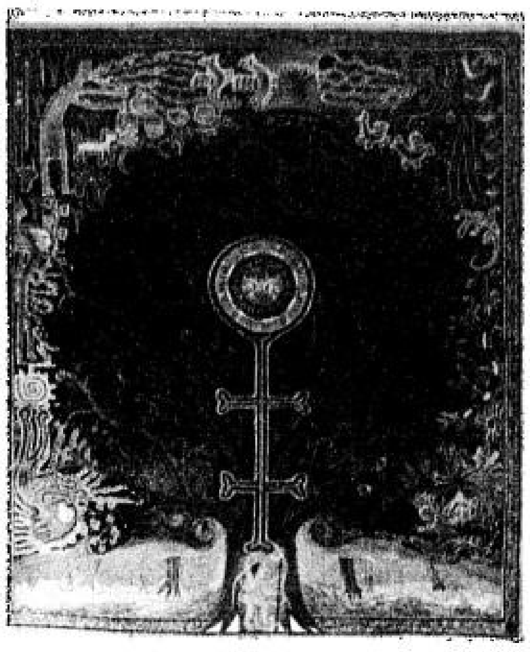
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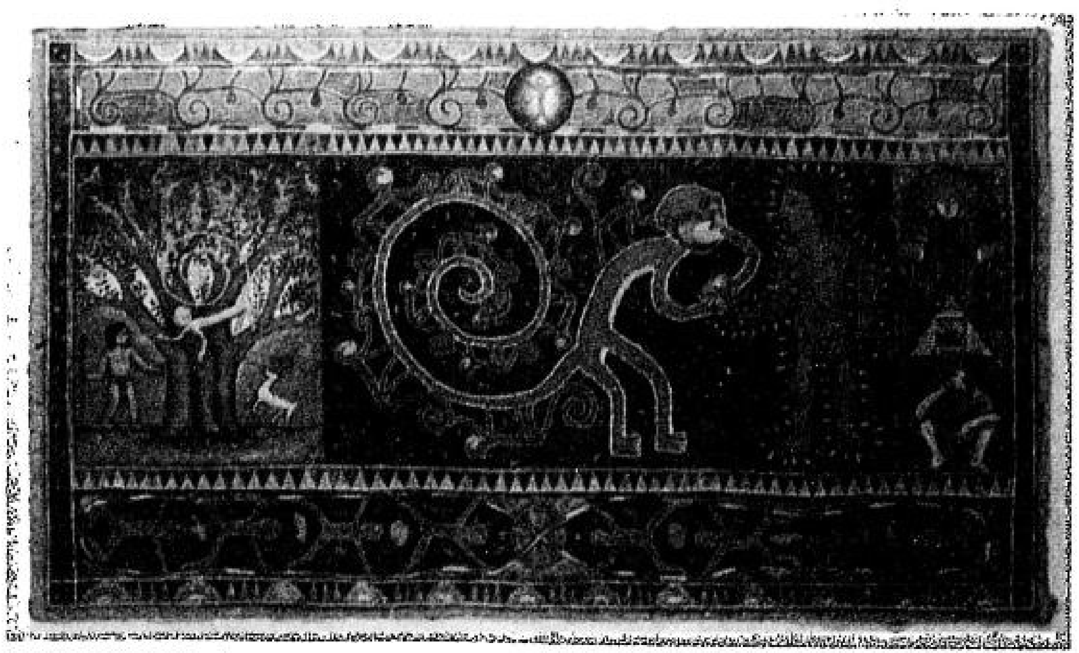
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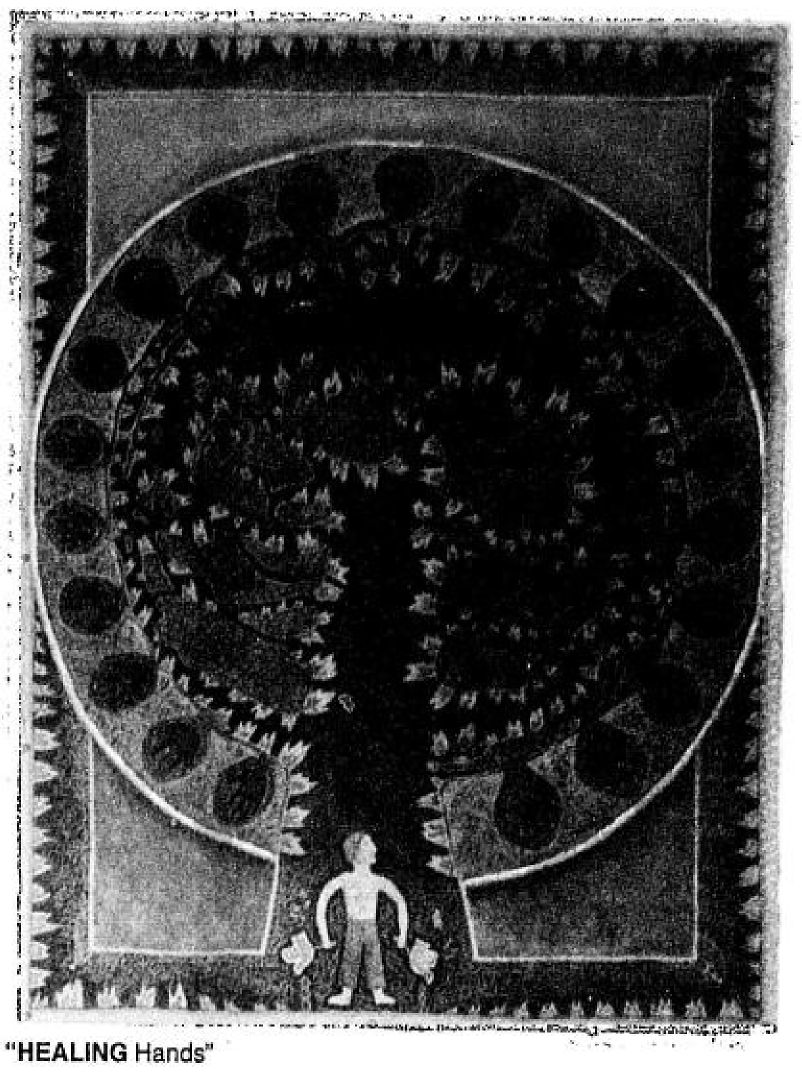
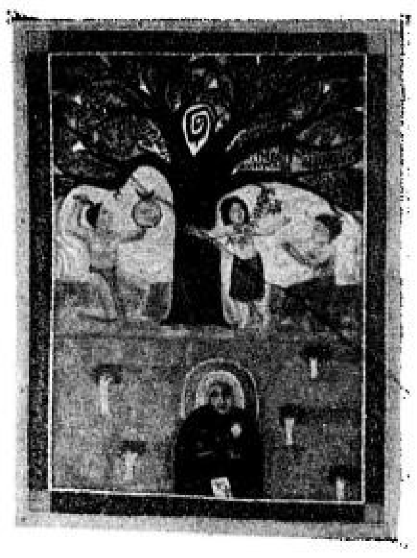

"**HEALING** Hands"

Leonard Aguinaldo's gift to folk art

By Gino Dormiendo

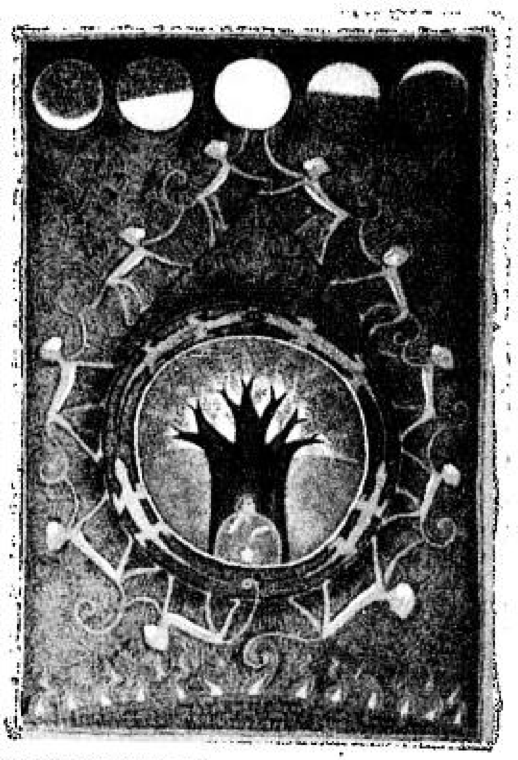
AT THE OUTSET, the works of Leonard Aguinaldo properly belong to the ethnic and indigenous art genre, from which the Baguio-born and -bred painter has derived the wellspring of his rich and endearing iconography.

In his first solo show at the Hiraya (until April 30), the 33-year-old Aguinaldo has put together 15 fairly large paintings on homemade paper, with a mix of water-based media and pen-and-ink, under the title "Chadjang and Other Rites," to reconfigure the traditional healer's role in Cordillera culture in ways all at once refreshing, disarming and entrancing.


"**DANCE** of Appeasement"

With their allusion to the *mumbaki* of the Ifugao, the *mambunong* of the Mountain Province, and the shaman of indigenous Western society, the works depict the rites and rituals of healing and religious offering, evoking, as it were, the spiritual beliefs and the ways of life of the Cordillera folk in Northern Philippines. Using the storytelling mode to probe the rich lore of their healing arts, Aguinaldo combines the manifold imagery of East and West, the traditional and the contemporary, the mystical as well as the sensual, in his bold attempt to create a colorful tapestry of signs, symbols and sentiments.

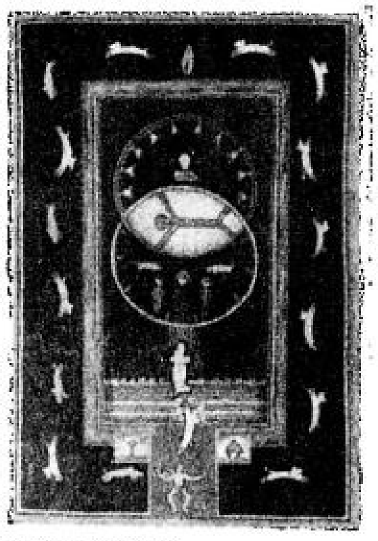
Signature piece


"**MEDICINE** Moon"

In the signature piece, "Chadjang Rites," the artist employs his trademark multi-pictorial approach to storytelling (already discernible in the previous groups shows of the Tam-awan Village artists nurtured by their guru, the Baguio-based BenCab), wherein his legendary warrior, Wigan, is shown at being befriended by the proverbial monkey while searching for the healing potion. The image of the monkey—a regular staple of local folklore—is admittedly more than just decorative here, as it plays an integral part in the unfolding yarn.

There is also the image of the lizard, casting its ubiquitous presence in the surrounding design of "When Gods Speak," and such other animal creatures inhabiting the Cordillera cosmology, in "Soul Takers" and "Journey to the Underworld," thereby reinforcing the local folk's belief in the constant battle between good and evil, the inevitable destiny of reincarnation and the afterlife.

The core of Aguinaldo's creative interplay of iconographic images finds its apotheosis in "Baltong Song," where the *mumbaki* is reverentially portrayed as the central protagonist and, with his healing powers, must make, in behalf of the petitioner, the sacrificial offering to the gods harvest of the land, a slaughtered beast such as pig or chickens, with the complementary betel nuts to boot, as the harbingers of continued health, prosperity and blessings of the good life.


"**SOUL** Takers"

The healer's ritual is equally dramatized in "Healing Hands," which depicts the rites of passage taken by a young healer who is at the promontory of the circuitous path in the cosmos, a virtual energy field that cracks and crackles with the touch of the healer's hands.

Cordillera

Living up to the exhibit title, Aguinaldo shows time-tested rituals of the Cordillera folk. In "Dance of Appeasement," he offers a diptych of imagery, depicting the ways by which the local folk perform a ritual of dance under a canopied tree while directly below it stands the image of a shaman in black hood, framed by a halo amid a bare landscape just dotted with trees.

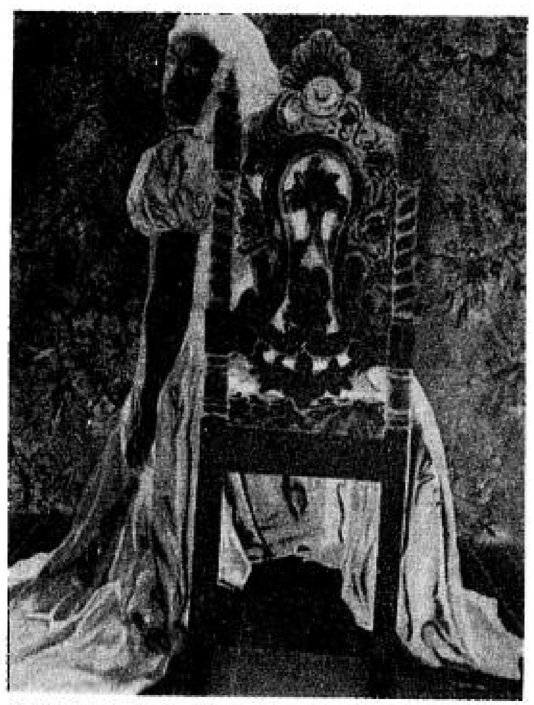
The *bulol*, vaunted guardian of the rice fields and the folks' dwelling place, and widely believed to ward off evil spirits, is the main subject of "Baki" (abridged from *mumbaki*), where their images are serially depicted, like the religious statues that decorate Church altars and *retablos*.

In many of his works, the artist imaginatively incorporates the text of traditional chants, like mantras to be recited over and over, by having written these passages on parts of the parchment-like medium. The device of reconstructing old documents—such as codes, penmanship and inscriptions—has imbued Aguinaldo's storytelling approach with a sense of documented remembrance in the archive of his people's memory.

What finally emerges in the works is the strongest virtue of Aguinaldo's art: his ebullient sense of color—predominantly in the spectrum of warm, primary palette—that perfectly complements and rounds up the primacy of his folk, child-like imagination.

If this first show is to become a gauge of Aguinaldo's manifold gifts unfolding, then we can dare say that the art of Leonard Aguinaldo will occupy its rightful place in contemporary art.

Javier at West Gallery; Brederoc at UP Vargas Museum


"**WHAT** Is It, My King?" by Geraldine Javier, April 26-May 8, West Gallery

"**THE JOMANCER** (Jomari Yllana)" by Raymund Isaac at Photoline Gallery, Robinsons Galleria

VISUAL ARTS

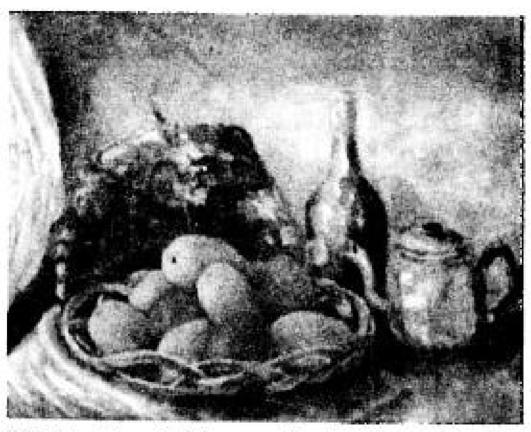
GERALDINE Javier focuses on the home and its leading players in her latest exhibit, "Dividing the House," featuring her latest collection of large-scale mixed-media paintings. Her works will be on view from May 3-23 at the West Gallery, 4/L SM Megamall A, Mandaluyong City. Call 634-1284.

RAYMUND ISAAC'S PHOTOGRAPHY. Glamour photographer Raymund Isaac is holding "Transformed World," an exhibit of celebrity photographs, at the Photoline Gallery of Photographic Arts at the 2/L Robinsons Galeria. Exhibit runs until May 20.

BREDEROC AT UP VARGAS MUSEUM. Cornelius Breed, better known as Brederoc, holds a retrospective of his works, dubbed "Unique Vision," at Galleries A and B of the UP Vargas Museum on May 3, 4 p.m. The exhibit will run until May 23. Call 928-1925/1927 or 920-5301 local 7407/7408.

CABIG AT THE ALCOVE. On April 17, The Alcove presents a photographic collection by George Cabig that portrays the life of the Sakadas in a sugar plantation in Negros. Their life, according to the artist, is black and white, bitter and sweet. Children seem to enjoy their surroundings in contrast with the adults who seem to have forgotten how to smile due to harsh condition of the landscape. The Alcove is at the Filipinas Heritage Library on Makati Avenue, Makati City. The exhibit will run until April 30. Call 892-1801.

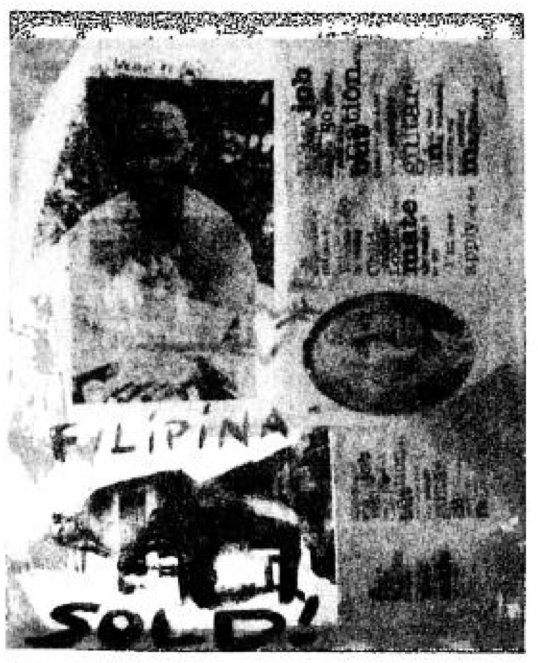
"**GIRL** Next Door (Pops Fernandez)" by Raymund Isaac


"**STILL** Life with Teacozy" by Brederoc, May 3-23, UP Vargas Museum

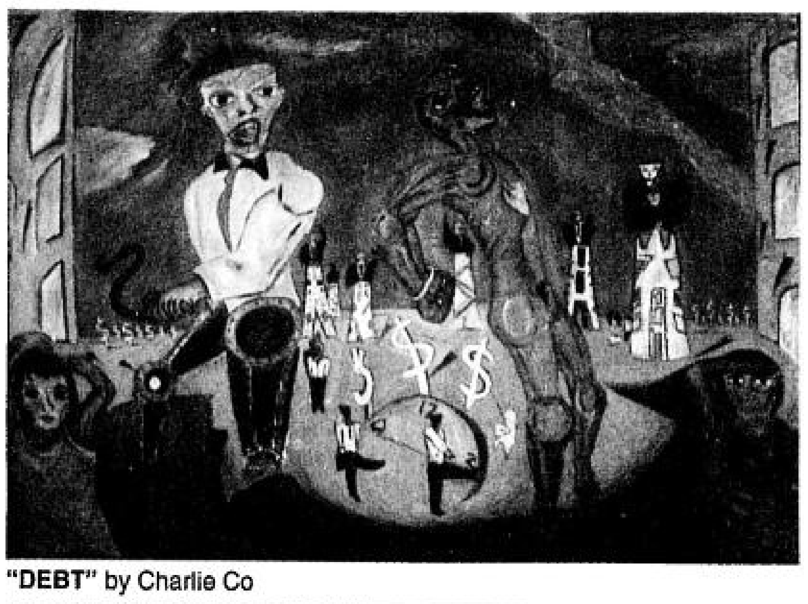
GUTIERREZ EXHIBIT. Ching Gutierrez will present her latest exhibit of miniature oil paintings at Odd Manila Gallery (near UP Bahay Alumni, Diliman, QC) and at Le Soufflé Bistro-Gallery (Ortigas Center) on April 29 and 30. Gutierrez's art and spirituality, according to a statement by the gallery, "reveal the art of oneness in the Universe, Truth and Love as a Co-worker in the Celestial Light."

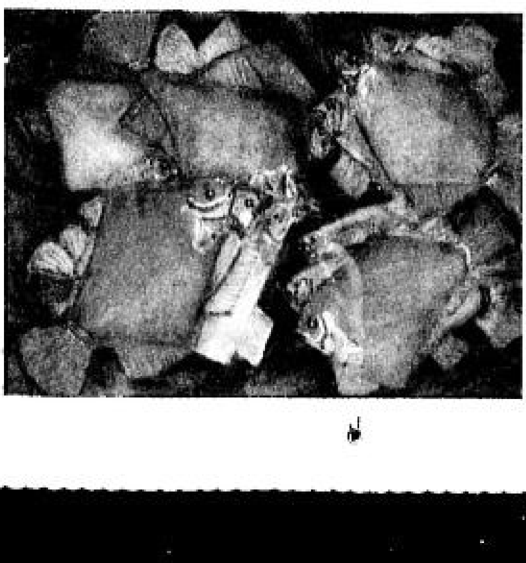
'SINING CONTEMPORARIO' AT THE MET. The Metropolitan Museum of Manila presents an exhibit of artworks by critically acclaimed Filipino contemporary artists at the Tall and Upper Level galleries. "Sining Contemporario: The Metropolitan Museum of Manila Collection" features notable works by National Artists Napoleon Abueva, Arturo Luz and J. Elizalde Navarro; BenCab, Nena Saguil, Pacita Abad, Brenda Fajardo, Imelda Cajipe-Endaya, Claude Tayag, Romulo Galicano, Solomon Saprid, Charlie Co, Nunelucio Alvarado, Lor Calma, Phyllis Zaballero, Jerusalino Araos, E. Aguilar Cruz, Dr. Rod. Paras-Perez, Venancio Igarta, Alfredo Esquillo, Jr., Paz Abad-Santos, Rey Paz Contreras, Rocio Urquijo, Dan Raralio.

LECTURE SERIES. The Alcove holds its Photography Lecture Series beginning April 17. The lectures are intended for beginning artists, photography students and teachers, hobbyists and family photographers, art patrons, photograph collectors and art galleries and museums. Lectures will be held at the Reading Room of the Filipinas Heritage Library, Makati Avenue, Makati City. Call 892-1801.



CALIFORNIA-BASED Filipino artist Mel Vera Cruz is holding an exhibit of advertisement-inspired artworks at the Windows Café (Classica Tower, 114 H.V. de la Costa St., Salcedo Village, Makati City). A fine arts graduate of the University of Santo Tomas, Cruz worked for a time with Avellana and Associates before migrating to the United States. Cruz said his exhibit shows the lighter side of art. At left is "Filipina: Sold," serigraph, acrylic on canvas.


"**DEBT**" by Charlie Co


"**FISH** Kingdom" by Julius Limpe opens on April 19, 6:30 p.m., at the West Gallery, 3/L Glorietta 4, Ayala Center, Makati City. The exhibit runs until May 1. Call 752-7028.

QUISUMBING'S 'CHURCHES' IN DAVAO EXHIBIT. Cebu-based artist Anton Quisumbing opened recently an exhibit of his miniature churches at the Marco Polo Hotel in Davao. The works—a confluence of plaster of Paris and Mactan stone—are on exhibit until the end of the month. Photo shows the artist with Charles So, general manager of the hotel, in front of a sculpture of the Malate church.

Summer workshop for street children of Pasig and Mandaluyong

UNANG Hakbang Foundation (UHF), a nonstock, nonprofit organization engaged in helping children on the streets and in urban poor communities, will hold a six-week summer workshop of sports, crafts, music and dance activities to benefit over 1,600 children, ages 6-16, from Welfareville, Mandaluyong and Barangays Sto. Tomas and San Nicolas in Pasig City. Billed as "Talon, Takbo, Likha," the workshop, scheduled to run on April 16-May 26, is intended to promote discipline, sportsmanship, literacy, skills formation and healthy values for a drug-free lifestyle.

Activities lined up for the summer program are a basketball and volleyball clinic, introduction to taekwondo and arnis, art and dance classes, and a storytelling workshop. Among "Talon, Takbo, Likha's" partner organizations for this first street-children uplift project are the Philippine Taekwondo Association, the Angono Artists Association, Adarna Books and Museo Pambata. To make the planned activities more meaningful for the children's parents, a special Mothers' Class will also be held for both art and storytelling.

Presently running three children's centers—the Bahay ni San Francisco at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Church in Mandaluyong and its community-based centers in Sto. Tomas and San Nicolas in Pasig—UHF is inviting individuals, institutions and companies to participate as sponsors of the summer workshop. At an estimated cost of P600 per child for the entire program, UHF hopes to raise P1 million to fund the requirements of this ambitious project through gold sponsors for a donation of P200,000, and silver sponsors for a grant of P50,000.

Write to UHF at 307 Platinum 2000, 7 Annapolis, Greenhills, San Juan, Metro Manila; or call 723-9616 or telefax 723-4367.

Study on adolescent obese population using Xenical initiated

The growing number of overweight and obese children and adolescents worldwide is raising some serious concerns, especially in the United States and probably soon enough in Asian countries like the Philippines, where many adolescents also have unhealthy eating habits.

This has prompted leading life science researchers to initiate a clinical study that will evaluate the use of Xenical (orlistat) for overweight and obese adolescent patients in the US and Canada.

About 25 percent of children and adolescents in the US are considered overweight, a figure which has doubled in the last 30 years. In some European countries, it is estimated that one in five children aged 10 and 15 are overweight or obese with serious long-term health consequences. There is no significant date yet in Asian countries.

"We are aware that the prevalence of overweight and obesity in children and adolescents in growing and we believe this clinical trial is a positive step toward providing an effective solution to this problem", said Dr. Jonathan Hauptman, director for metabolic research at a leading European life sciences research facility.

"Overweight and obese adolescents are at long-term risk of developing obesity-related diseases like diabetes, lipid disorders and cardiovascular disease. The safety and efficacy of Xenical has been demonstrated in several clinical studies in adults making it a good option for adolescents who are overweight and obese," he added.

The clinical study will be carried out in about 450 obese adolescent patients 12-16 years of age. The patients will receive either Xenical or placebo as an adjunct to a reduced calorie diet for one year. All patients will receive nutritional and dietary behavior modification counseling throughout the study.

Xenical is a breakthrough in weight management treatment. It is a safe and effective therapy that not only helps patients lose weight, but also helps them maintain their weight loss. It is the only available weight loss medication that works locally in the gut to prevent fat absorption by about 30 percent.

Since it was first marketed in 1998, more than 8.5 millions patients have been treated with Xenical to date.

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If you think you're overweight, it's not just your ego you should worry about. Medical research has shown the various links between excess weight, and diseases such as hypertension, diabetes, gallstones, gout, sleep apnea. and certain forms of cancer.

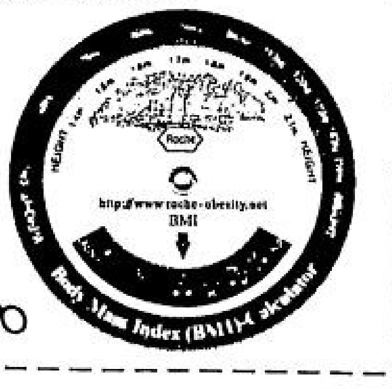
Most people don't understand that obesity is in itself a disease that needs to be cured. Medically, obesity is defined as an excess accumulation of body fat sufficient to endanger health. But because people come in all sorts of shapes and sizes, a weighing scale alone is not a good indication of whether you are overweight or not. A tall person can weigh 150 lbs and still be underweight, while a short person who weighs the same can be overweight.

To get an accurate assessment of your condition, you need to compute your Body Mass Index (BMI). Simply divide your weight in kilograms over your height in meter squared, and you will get your BMI. Using Asian standards, if your BMI is over 23, then you are overweight. You should consult your doctor and ask him or her for advice on a long-term weight management program. Do not resort to purchasing over-the-counter drugs. Advice from experts will help you achieve a healthy weight.

Your doctor can also tell you about a proven treatment for obesity that has benefited more than 8.5 million individuals around the world. This drug has been well-researched by a reputable pharmaceutical company and is backed by clinical studies with proven efficacy and safety for 30 years before it was marketed. This new treatment, which is a lipase inhibitor, cuts down the absorption of dietary fat in the body by up to 30%, allowing for radical improvements in weight loss and weight management programs. And unlike food supplements that claim to work but have no scientific basis, this drug was approved by the FDA in the US as well as the European Union, and our local BFAD (Bureau of Food and Drugs).

Weight management counsellors are also available by phone, from 9 am - 6 pm, Monday to Friday, to help you compute your BMI, and to give advice on how you can avail of a long term weight management program. If you're in Metro Manila, call **899-5955** and a counsellor will be on hand to answer your questions. (Outside Metro Manila, please dial **1-800-1-888-5955**).

FREE BMI CALCULATOR. If you would like to check your own Body Mass Index (BMI) fill out this coupon and send it by fax at **890-5012** or mail to Xenical Counselling Center, PO Box 3994, Makati Central Post Office. You can also send an e-mail containing all the information below, and send it to xenical@bcdpinpoint.com . We will send you your own BMI calculator, along with instructions on its use.



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Wireless counters combine color and movement

THE INTERACTIVE TERMINALS: Stars of the wireless centers

CUSTOMER service centers for public utility companies are generally colorless offices where function smothers design considerations. They follow the same basic room layout: chairs where customers wait, large tables for transactions and a corner for highlighting new products and services.

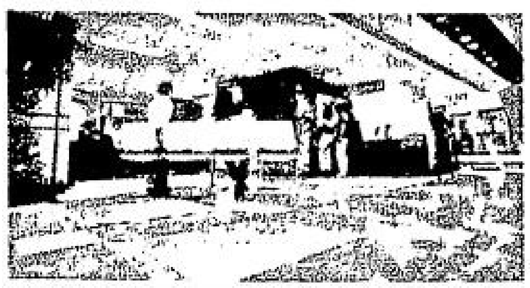
The new so-called "Wireless Centers" of cellular giant Smart Communications has taken its design cues from a very different book. Smart's new customer service offices don't look or feel like business offices. But they do manage to combine form and function into a pleasant new experience.

The first thing that catches your eye are the colors. The Wireless Centers are generously splashed with the eye-catching apple greens, sky blues and brilliant yellows on the walls, counters and display areas. If they wish, customers get to sit on chairs colored purple or yellow.

The next thing that you notice is the very different sense of space that has been applied to the design. There is lots of space for the customer to roam around and take in the various displays.

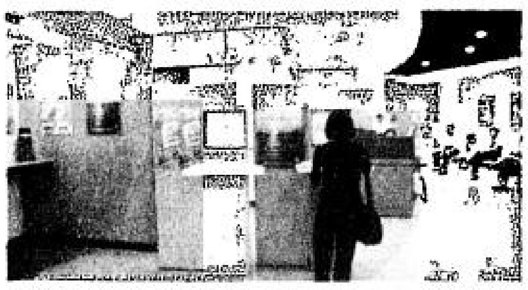
"Our Wireless Centers embody our new approach to customer service," said Alex O. Caeg, Smart customer care department head. "What we want is for our clients to roam inside our business centers, to look around and explore the interactive terminals and learn more for themselves about our services and products," he said.

EYE-CATCHING COLORS: Apple greens, sky blues and brilliant yellows



LARGE LEGROOM: Lots of space for customers to roam around

FEW chairs to encourage movement



RED panel puts emphasis on the Information Kiosk.

Free and efficient

Architect Amado Guerrero Saño, a partner of SGS Designs which specializes in master planning, said that the Smart's Wireless Center was designed to make movement in the area freer and more efficient.

"Smart's new business centers have very large 'legroom.' Careful space planning was obviously made to make room for more movement inside the telecenter," Saño said.

The Wireless Centers follow the same basic layout. A customer walking into the office first finds himself in a relatively wide open space, unencumbered by chairs and other barriers. In this space, you find the various interactive kiosks and displays that customers can use at their own pace.

Further behind are the counters which are manned by Smart customer care personnel.

Saño says the wide open space is designed to encourage customers to try out the different interactive terminals.

"If you observe, those that would require face-to-face interaction and that would normally cause lines are set up in a corner, the side or at the farthest back of the business center. This is consistent with the idea to allow movement in the area where the interactive kiosks are," Saño added.

The interactive kiosks are the stars of the Smart Wireless Center—the Information Kiosk and the Payment Express System. These interactive devices provide customer services such as bill inquiry, services and products inquiry, after-sales transactions and quick payments. There is also the Product Try Me Display where customers can make real calls and send text messages on the latest phones that Smart has to offer.

"We encourage our customers to use the transaction terminals. There is nothing like trying things out for yourself," Caeg said.

Special boards

To attract people to the interactive terminals, colorful special boards, Laminate by Formica, was used to adorn them. Noticeable is the lone bright red panel that is set up with the Information Kiosk. This, according to Saño, may be a ploy by the designer to put more emphasis on the Info Kiosk, aside from making a variation in the color setup.

The Info Kiosk has online computer terminals which customers can access to learn more about Smart's services and products such as Smart Zed and Smart Money. Customers are also able to do online transactions like bill inquiry by browsing through the Smart website.

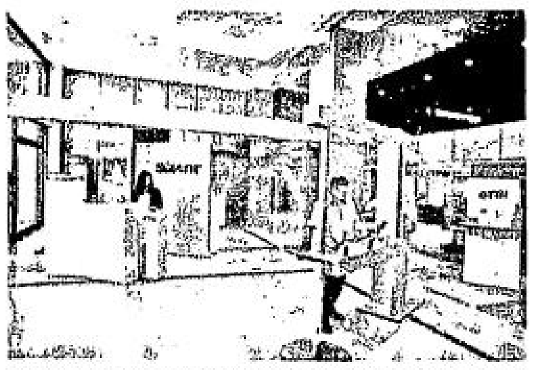
Worth noting, too, is the large amount of visual information found in the telecenter. "Large labels are put up to identify the center's different areas. This encourages people who go inside to look around and study the place," Saño said.

The open-type ceiling and the glass frontage are also indicative of the "roaming customer" idea. These modern designs create an effect of enlarged size, again encouraging clients to move around.

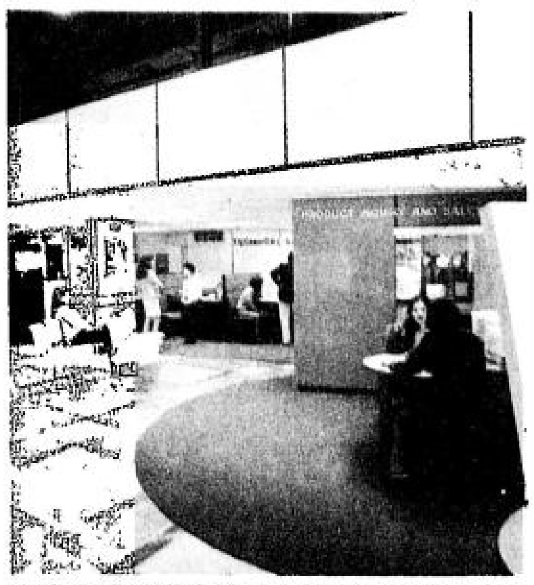
"Movement essentially is what the Wireless Center's design wants to achieve. An active business center where there is less people-to-people interaction but more of the automated and hi-tech transactions," Saño said.

This is what makes the Wireless Center's design unique. More than the bright colors, the design greatly complements the customer service approach to make clients avail of the innovative technologies offered inside the business center.

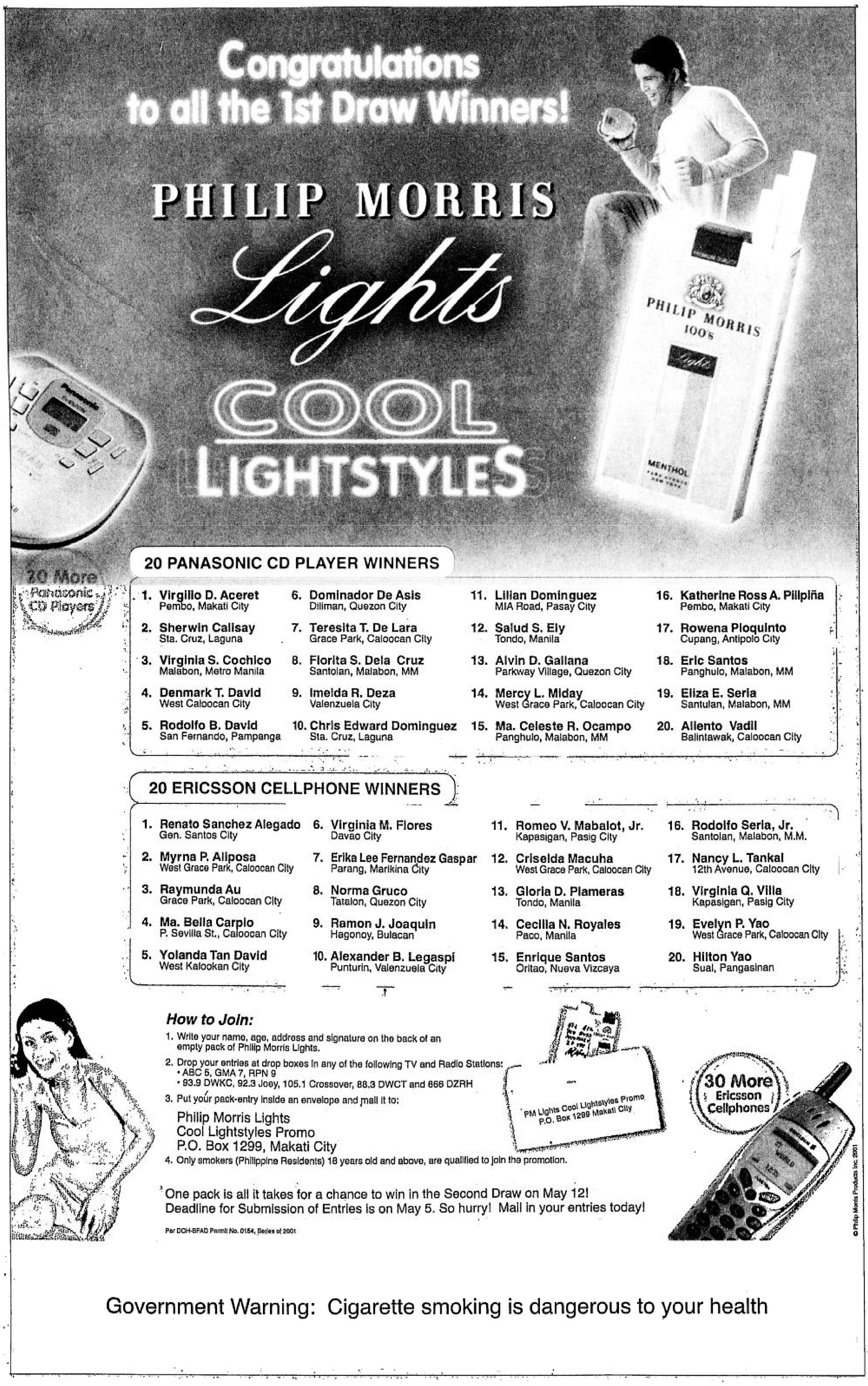
"Our wireless centers have been designed to be an efficient one-stop customer service shop for our growing number of subscribers. More than that, we want to make our customers' visits a pleasant and educational experience," Caeg said.



HIGH ceilings create an effect of enlarged space.



FACE-TO-FACE interaction is done at the farthest back of the Wireless Center.



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LIFESTYLE

A FORMER resident of the US Embassy's Chancery Building when it was still the High Commissioner's Residence in 1939, Ralph Graves views a historical marker on the US embassy grounds. The marker memorialized the location where his father's staff burned the American flag and buried its ashes rather than surrender it to the Japanese during World War II.

Ralph Graves demystifies the U S Embassy Chancery

SPACED OUT

Augusto F. Villalon

The son of a US high commissioner during the Commonwealth Days returns to the country and provides a different view on heritage conservation

THE CHANCERY is the prewar two-story white building at the far end of the sprawling US Embassy compound that juts into the sea on Roxas Boulevard. Everyone knows where it is but nobody has been inside—it is one of those well-secured, out-of-reach Manila places that arouse so much curiosity. Coincidentally enough, the American Women's Club invited me to give a talk on urban planning and architecture during the American period of Philippine history. Their specific request was to include the historic US Embassy building in the talk. The reason was that not much is known about the building, they said.

To me, what went unsaid was that the interest in the Chancery building centered on its being the probably the most important American living architectural icon in the country. It certainly ranks as among the most aloof of all architectural icons in the Philippines.

Without any doubt, the building has a history. Built as the residence for the American High Commissioner in 1939 during the Commonwealth days, it was the only American High Commission Residence in the world until it became the US Embassy after Philippine independence in 1946. It has continually stood as a monument to the American presence in the Philippines.

It has the distinction of being the only American Embassy with a ballroom anywhere in the world. Among the many events witnessed by the ballroom was the trial of General Yamashita as a Japanese war criminal at the end of World War II. What few people knew was that Yamashita was kept prisoner in the room that Ralph Graves used to share with his brother.

The Chancery, definitely a historical place that deserves to be declared a National Historic Site, was no monument but simply home to Ralph Graves who was the stepson of Francis Sayre, the American High Commissioner from October 1939 until the outbreak of World War II.

On a warm summer afternoon a week ago, Ralph Graves returned to the ballroom of his old home and spoke to a small audience on "A Wartime Remembrance." Graves' remembrance was less of World War II and more on his pre- and postwar remembrance of his singular experience of growing up in the High Commissioner's Residence where he lived with his parents.

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Ralph Graves demystifies the U S Embassy Chancery

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Embarrassing

Graves talked about how he at first "found it embarrassing to be the High Commissioner's son." He was 15, brought up to be independent, and now found himself surrounded by an army of houseboys dressed in crisp red, white and blue uniforms who insisted on doing everything for him, from carrying suitcases to picking up balls while he practiced tennis. There was never any privacy, he said, in the Residence. He found out later that he could stop the elevator between floors for moments with girlfriends. But he confessed that in those innocent days, nothing wicked happened. With a smile, he admitted he got used to being fussed over and soon enjoyed the role of being the High Commissioner's son.

He felt the building was more appropriate to Federal Washington DC than Manila, and he thought it was designed by US Government architects who had no idea that buildings in the tropics had to be laid out differently because of the climate. To prove that, he said the huge French doors opening from the ballroom to the seaside garden leaked badly during rains and how the entire household got on their hands and knees with sheets and towels to keep the water from flooding the ballroom.

The second floor was where the residential quarters were. Its balcony above the ballroom that looked past the garden into Manila Bay was a favorite place for watching the fabulous Manila Bay sunset. The rear garden, now a lush seaside tropical landscape, was nothing to look at in those days, looking like a muddy swamp planted with a "handful of scrubby trees" when the house was newly built.

Different

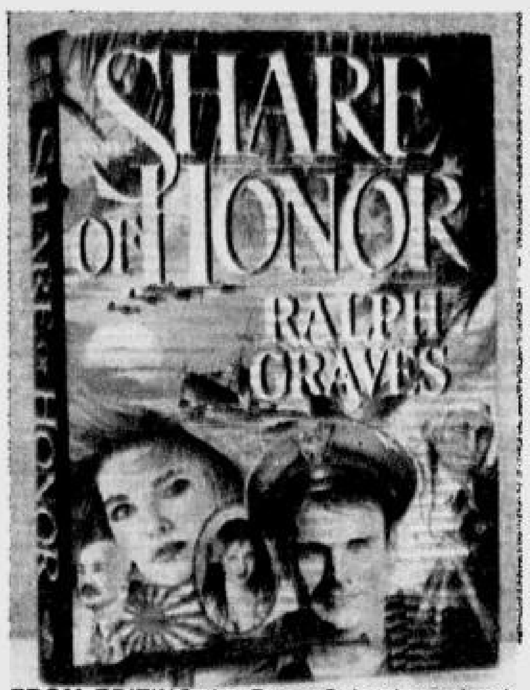
Today the French doors no longer leak. The garden is so impeccably maintained that not a single leaf or blade of grass is out of place. Now appointments must be made and security checks cleared for anyone to visit the building. Because of the nature of the work that takes place in it, it has evolved into one of Manila's unreachable architectural icons.

Having Graves share his experiences as a teenager growing up in the building demystifies the monument status of the Chancery Building. To Graves it was no monument—it was his home until he returned to the United States in the summer of 1941 after his graduation from Brent High School in Baguio.

His parents stayed in Manila and were caught by the World War II in December of 1941. They moved to Corregidor with General MacArthur and the Quezon family, ultimately escaping with the Quezons and a load of US gold bars with their submarine sneaking under the Battle of the Coral Sea to get to Australia.

When he returned to Manila in 1945 as a US Army Sergeant, he was horrified by the devastation everywhere, proof that of the Allied cities in World War II, only Warsaw suffered more destruction than Manila.

He immediately went to the High Commissioner's Residence, heavily damaged by American bombs, convincing the guards he had to be let in to see his old home once again. Not much of his home survived, but miraculously, he told the audience, the ballroom survived practically intact. The ballroom where he reminisced that afternoon was the same place where the doors used to leak, where he watched receptions from the second-floor balcony, and where his brother shot darts made with needles, matchsticks and paper that he shot to the ceiling with an improvised dart launcher powered by a clothespin spring.



FROM EDITING the Brent School yearbook, Ralph Graves went on to a 35-year career with Time Inc., where he became the last editor of weekly Life Magazine and then the editorial director of the company. His book, "Share of Honor," is about the 1941-45 period in the Philippines.

When he saw the ballroom, Graves said, "In spite of all the bombs, the big vaulted ceiling had survived. And way up there in the ceiling, where only a real insider would think to look, two of my brother's darts still hung there in the plaster."

Insider's view

Monumentality and heritage mean different things to people, as Graves showed that afternoon with so much wit. As "outsiders," the American ladies and the rest of us regard the Embassy with the monumental reverence that it rightly deserves. However, Graves' "insider" memories show that there was a human lifestyle that thrived inside that monument, admittedly a lifestyle on a different scale from that of other people in Manila at the time, but to Graves it was home. His straightforward reminisces were matter-of-factly. He told his audience that living there was special. In retrospect, he did not make it sound that it was that big a deal.

Graves' most important lesson was that life must never be left out of the heritage buildings and historic districts that we are preserving, and that history lives—it is not a series of dead events as many people tend to look at it. It is just that people remember different aspects of history because they have lived different realities within the same historic period like Graves did. Maybe his privileged lifestyle in the High Commissioner's Residence was a factor that led to Graves' present interest in conservation. When he talks conservation these days, he probably will have a really good feel of what he is talking about.

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MFPI congress promotes environmental awareness through adventure

CIVIC CIRCLE

THE MOUNTAINEERING Federation of the Phils. Inc. (MFPI) is holding its 22nd Annual MFPI Congress at the Caramoan Peninsula in Camarines Sur, Bicol, from April 18-22. The congress brings together mountaineers and outdoor enthusiasts from all over the country. It is a time of rekindling relationships within the mountaineering community as well as meeting new friends who share a common passion for outdoor adventure.

Adventure activities include a fun climb for two days, sea kayaking and island hopping on the third day, rock climbing at Gota Beach and spelunking at Umang Cave the following day.

The Naga City-based Hagahag Mountaineers hosts the event. The MFPI is the umbrella organization of all the major mountaineering clubs in the Philippines. Today it has 63 clubs.

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BLOODLETTING. Zonta Int'l., a service organization of executive women in business and the professions working together for the improvement of the status of women, celebrates this year's International Women's Day with activities focusing on women's causes, concerns and vital role in the 21st century. Area 1, District 17 of Zonta International headed by area director Nonie T. Basilio and vice area director Virma Vergel de Dios, observed the occasion with a massive bloodletting activity participated in by its 10 clubs. The bloodletting was held for the benefit of the Philippine National Red Cross Blood Bank and the Victor R. Potenciano Medical Center, which served as the venue for the activity.

SPECIAL MEETING. Zonta Club Makati with the Zonta Club of Urban Manila hosted recently Area 5 Meeting at Café J on Feb. 17. The event revolved around the theme, "Zonta Responding to the Challenges of Change" with Sen. Loren Legarda as guest of honor and speaker. The senator's speech focused on the need for Zontians to cope with information technology.

PAZ Javellana held her birthday party at Conway in Shangri-La Makati with her Ilonggo group and some friends. Seated, from left, Giging Garcia, Jean Salvador, the celebrant, Cor Ebdalin, Enos Eugenio; standing, from left, Edy McKenzie, Lory Yulo, Belen Castro, Baby Javelosa, Stella Lopez and Monina Ascalon

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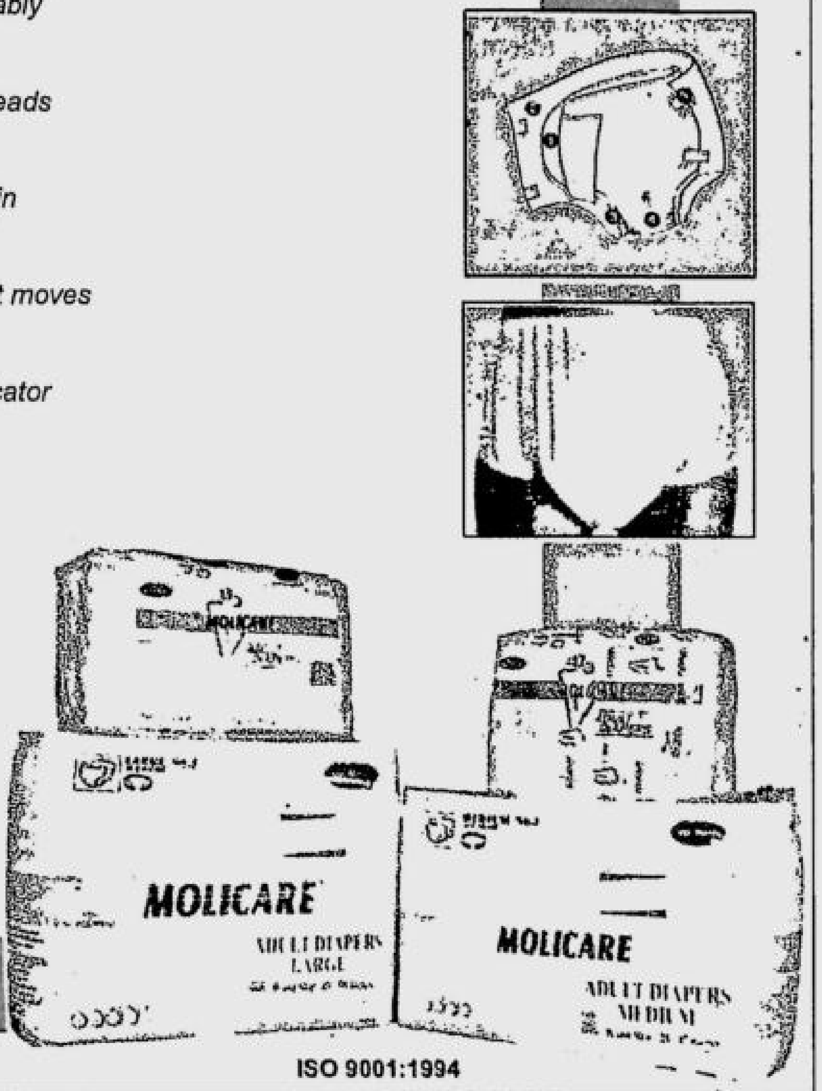

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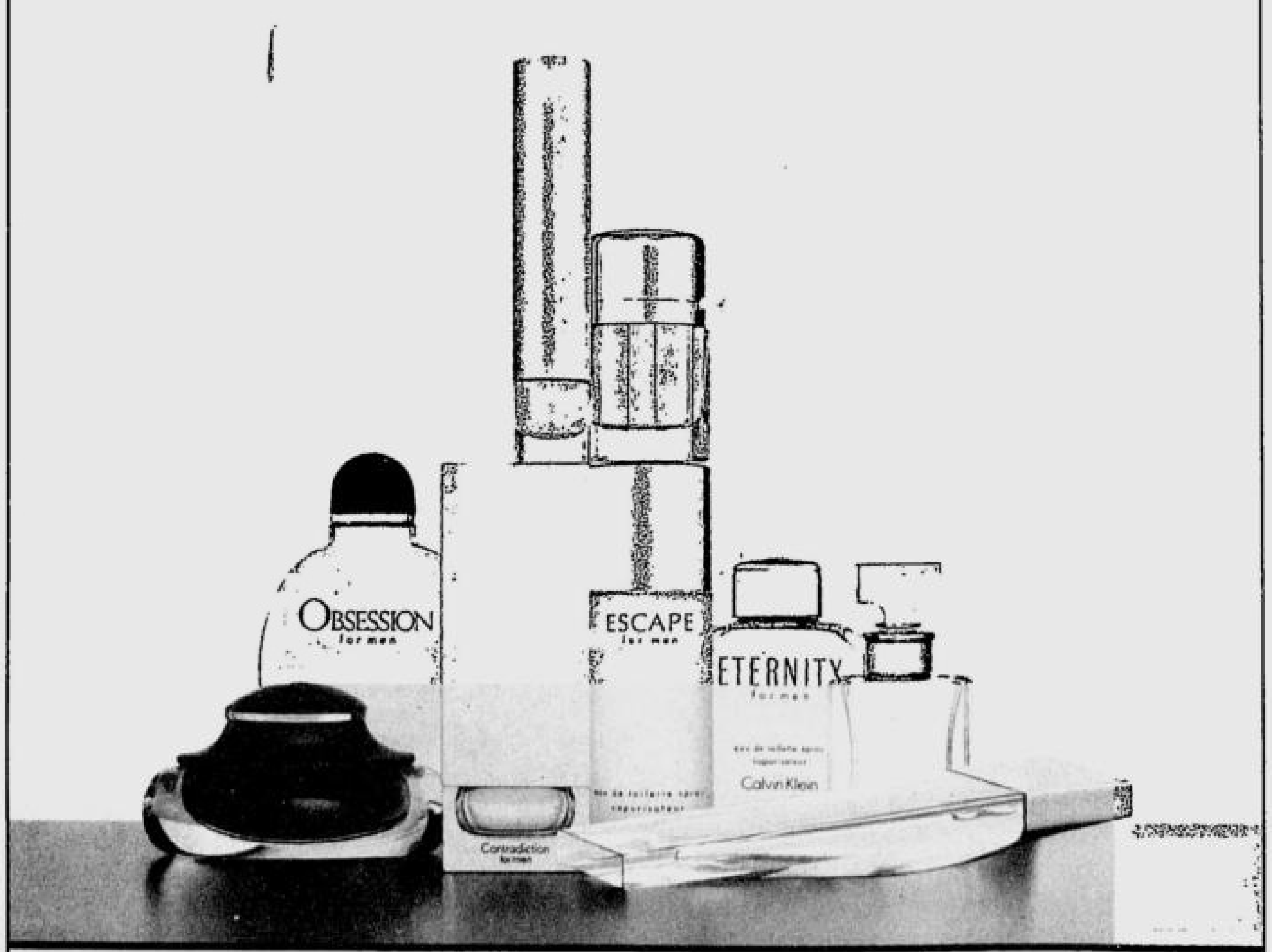

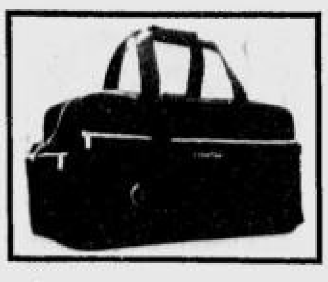

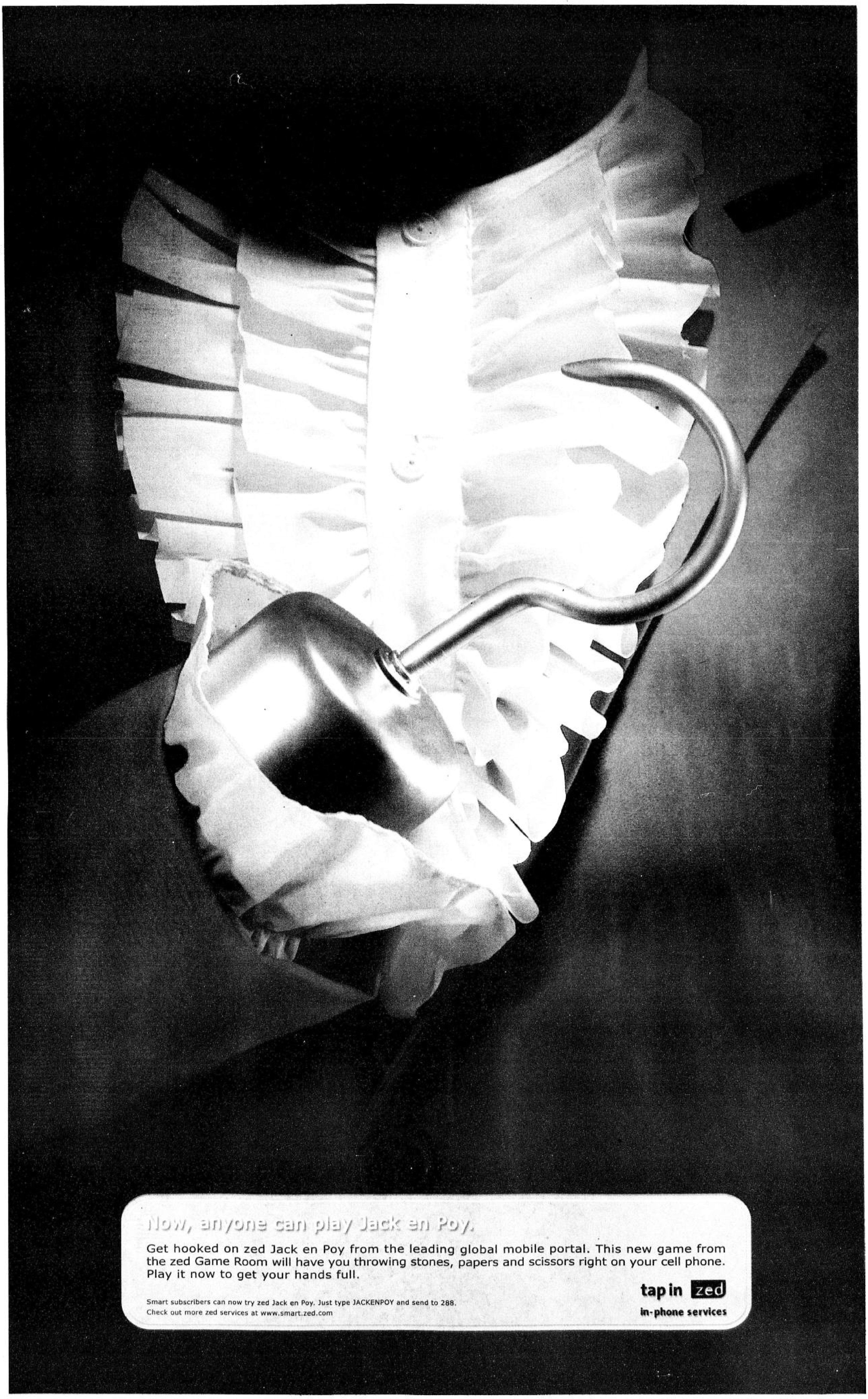

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Kiddie art workshop at Lopez Museum

THE LOPEZ Museum is offering an arts and crafts workshop for children this summer to be facilitated by artist Alma Quinto, president of the Philippine Arts Educators Association. She will introduce children to drawing and collage, the use of watercolors and oil pastels and terra-cotta clay. Kids will also learn various silkscreening techniques.

The workshops begin on April 17 and end on May 15, with 12 sessions scheduled every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-12 nn. Workshop fees for children ages 6-9 is P4,800; and for children ages 10-15, P5,000. Materials, mostly Faber-Castell, will be provided.

The Lopez Museum is located on G/F Bepres Building, corner Meralco Avenue and Exchange Rd. Call Fanny San Pedro at 631-2417 or 635-9545.

Alternative art courses

ART PACK founder Bambi Cordero conducts unique and alternative art courses in Quezon City this summer. Among the courses she is slated to teach are: Deco-Stained Glass Simulation on April 22 and 29; Mirror Frost Spectrum on May 6; Porcelain Painting on May 13; Decoupage and Antiquing Technique on May 20 and 27; Clay Sculpting on June 3 and 10, and Copper Etching on June 17.

All classes will be held at Café Hon, 2/L of CRM3 Building, 106 Kamias Road near corner Kasing-Kasing St., QC at 2 p.m. on Sundays. Call Ann at 932-4428 text 0917-9400909 or e-mail clara@pinoYmusika.com.

Workshoppers will learn how to paint, decorate glass and bottles with transparent and translucent effects in the Deco-Stained Glass Simulation class. With a wide range of special paints in different colors, students could create textures and methods that produce truly varied and dynamic sets of glassware, crockery and home accessories. Students will be taught techniques that would enable them to produce works that would look as real as stained glass.

Mirror Frost Spectrum is an inexpensive alternative to sandblasting. Students will design illusions of two-dimensional glass etchings and turn plain glass and bottles to priceless pieces forever. Methods on etched coloration will also be taught.

Students will create a masterpiece on glazed tile for the Porcelain Painting class. The process does not involve kilning, as the pearlized paints dry fast, and are easy to use and are non-toxic. Workshoppers will also be guided on color combination and the employment of techniques such as adding shimmer to their interiors.

Classes on Decoupage and Antiquing Technique would enable students to enhance their creativity and see the transformation of a plain box into a sophisticated yet inexpensive receptacle. The final effect lies on the different techniques employed to achieve an antique finish.

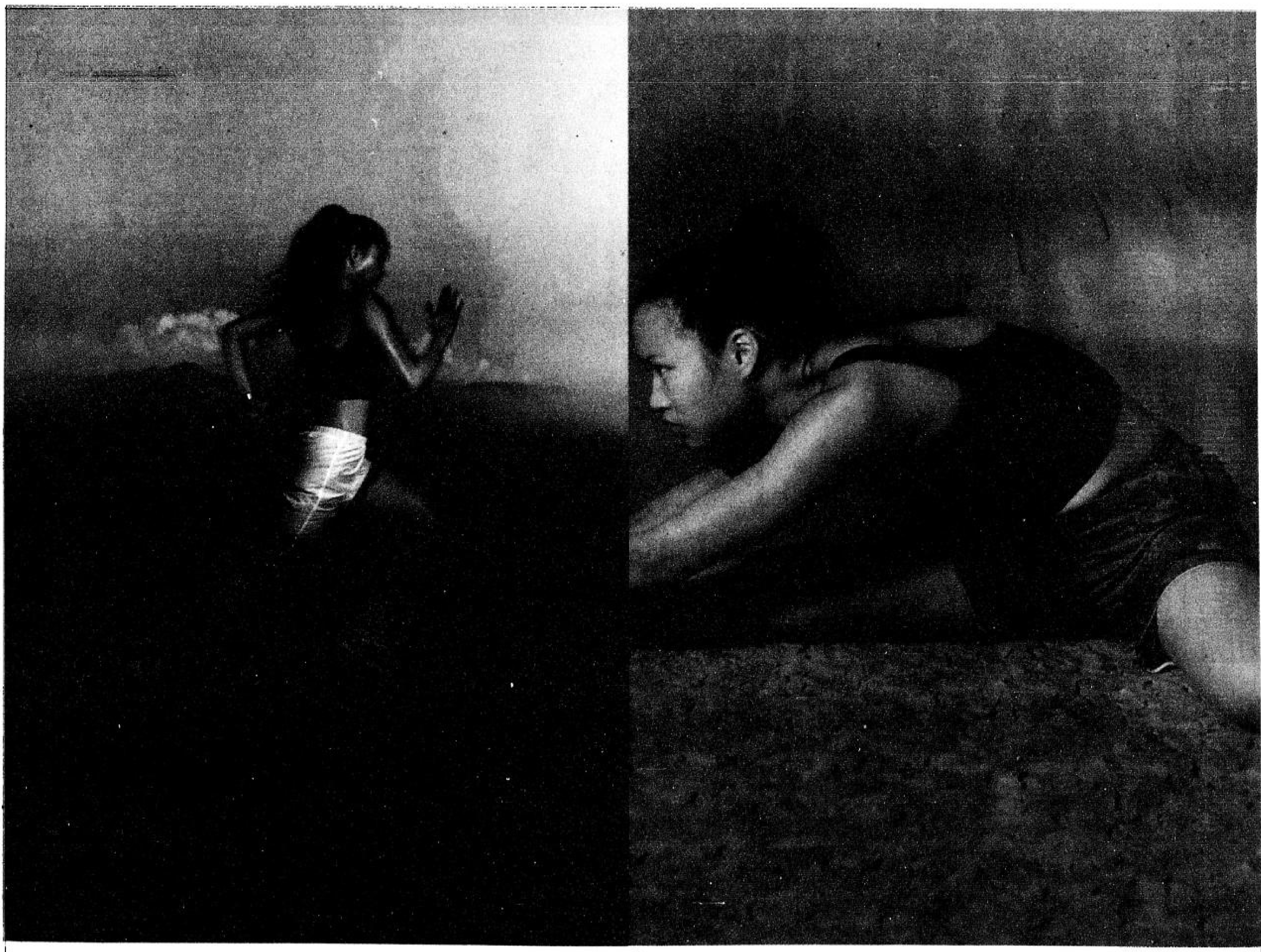
Self-hardening and non-toxic paperclay and celluclay will be used for the Clay Sculpting classes. Students will create projects that range from simple to complicated motifs that could be stamped or shaped. The end product approximates the effect of ceramic figurine.

The workshop on Copper Etching would introduce to its students the wonders of etching on brass metal. They will learn contemporary approaches in creating incisions on designs. The incision effect will produce a relief design that can be painted with different colors.

Cordero is currently finishing her MBA at the De La Salle University. She finished her baccalaureate degree in fine arts, major in advertising, at the College of the Holy Spirit. She has taught art courses at the Metropolitan Museum, Ayala Museum, Manila Polo Club, International School, Assumption Convent, and the College of the Holy Spirit. Cordero would like to impart to her students the courses she took at Michael's Arts & Crafts Learning Center in Houston, Texas recently.

V. MAPA HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION DAY

Alumni of the V. Mapa High School (formerly Manila East High School) held their grand reunion at the Club Filipino in Greenhills to commemorate the school's 78th Foundation Day. From left, Daniel Santiago, Priscilla Gonzalez-Avenir, Adoracion Mariano-Acuna, former Chief State Prosecutor Zenon de Guia, Lourdes Lontok-Rivera and former Elections Commissioner Quirino Marquinez.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REVIEWS

ARE you hooked on J.K. Rowling's phenomenal "Harry Potter" series? Have you reread "The Goblet of Fire" for the nth time? Are you bugging your parents for a broomstick? Are you beginning to babble polysyllabic magical words in your sleep? Well, it's still several months before Harry and his Hogwarts gang returns to hardcover heaven but in the meantime, Rowling regales her audience and helps the needy with two funny and fleshed-out companions to the Hogwarts collection.

Bestiary

Ostensibly belonging to Harry Potter (judging from the bookplate) and shared by Ron Weaseley (based on the scribbling below the book plate), "Fantastic Beasts & Where to Find Them" is purportedly written by wizard Newt Salamander and features a foreword by Hogwarts boss Aldus Dumbeldore. It is, in essence, the bestiary of Harry's world, featuring Rowling's melodic and encyclopedic writeups on the fantastic creatures, familiar or unfamiliar, that people the magical dimension.

Find out why creating a Basilisk is illegal, or why the Black Horntail is the most dangerous of the Dragons. While some of the beasts are drawn from actual mythology, others are drawn from Rowling's fascinating imagination. Thus Sphinxes and Snidgets are found here, as are Gnomes and Glumbumbles.

The text itself often contains the phonetic and wink-wink humor that Rowling is known for, such as Salamander's discourse on why Muggles (that's us non-magical folks) can't see magical beasts. The book is enhanced by the authentic-looking side comments that Ron is supposed to have scrawled on the pages.

The other book is supposedly borrowed by Potter from the Hogwarts School Library (the library card notes that Hermione borrowed it before Harry did). "Quidditch Through the Ages," allegedly written by Quidditch expert Kennilworthy Whisp (surely one of the best names in the Harry Potter pantheon), is a history of Harry's favorite sport, complete with illustra-

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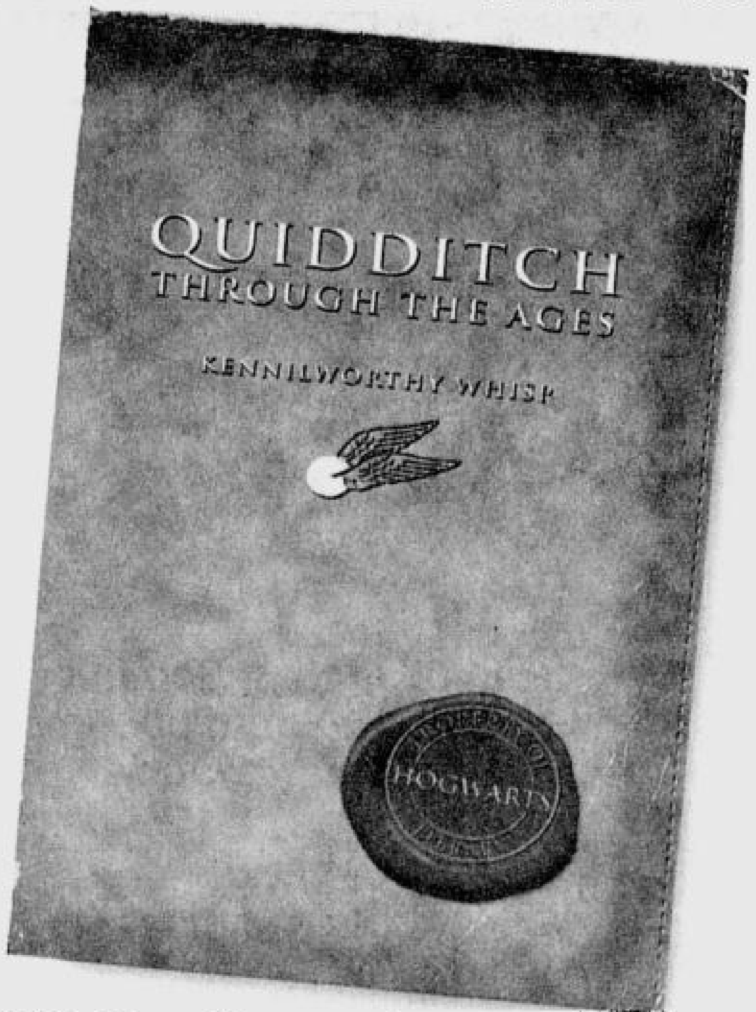

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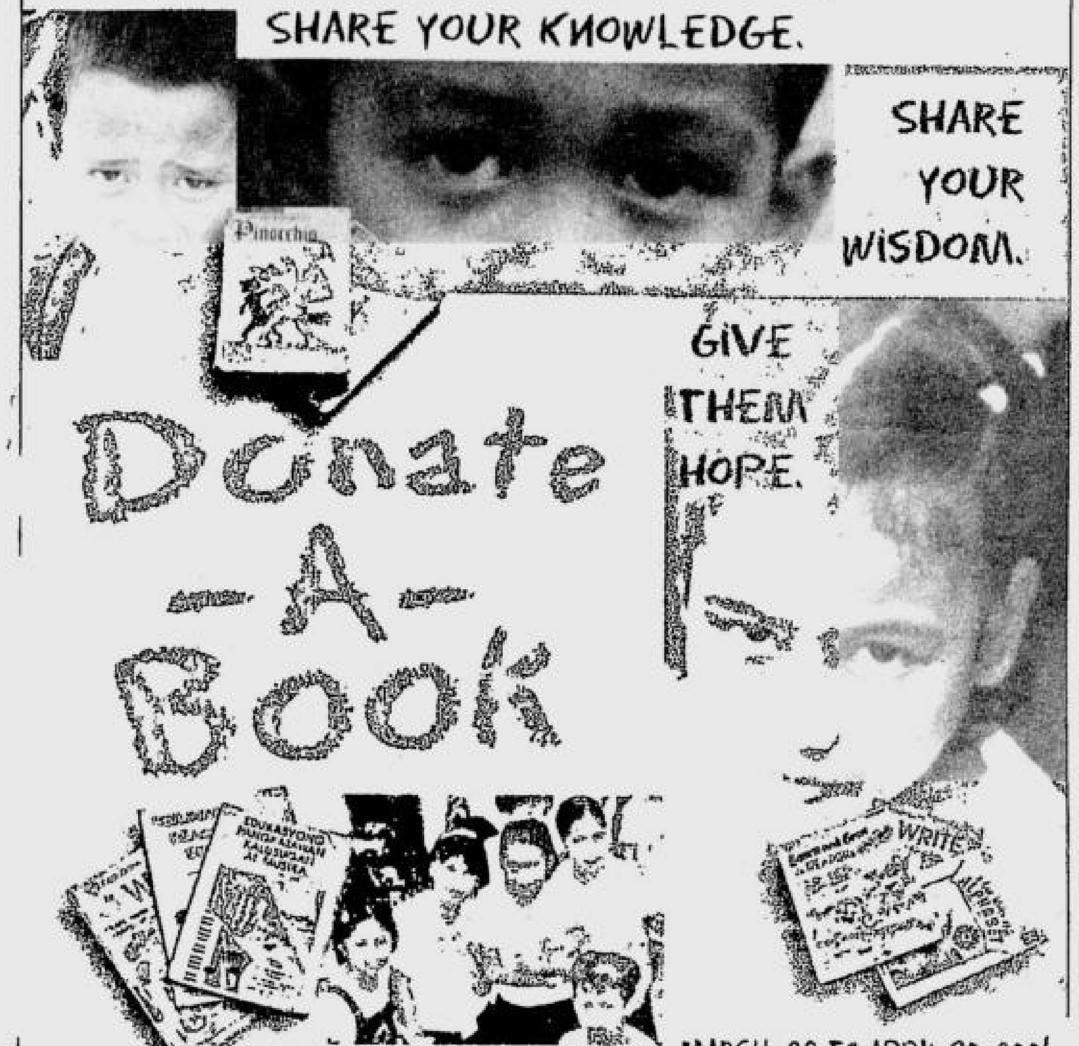

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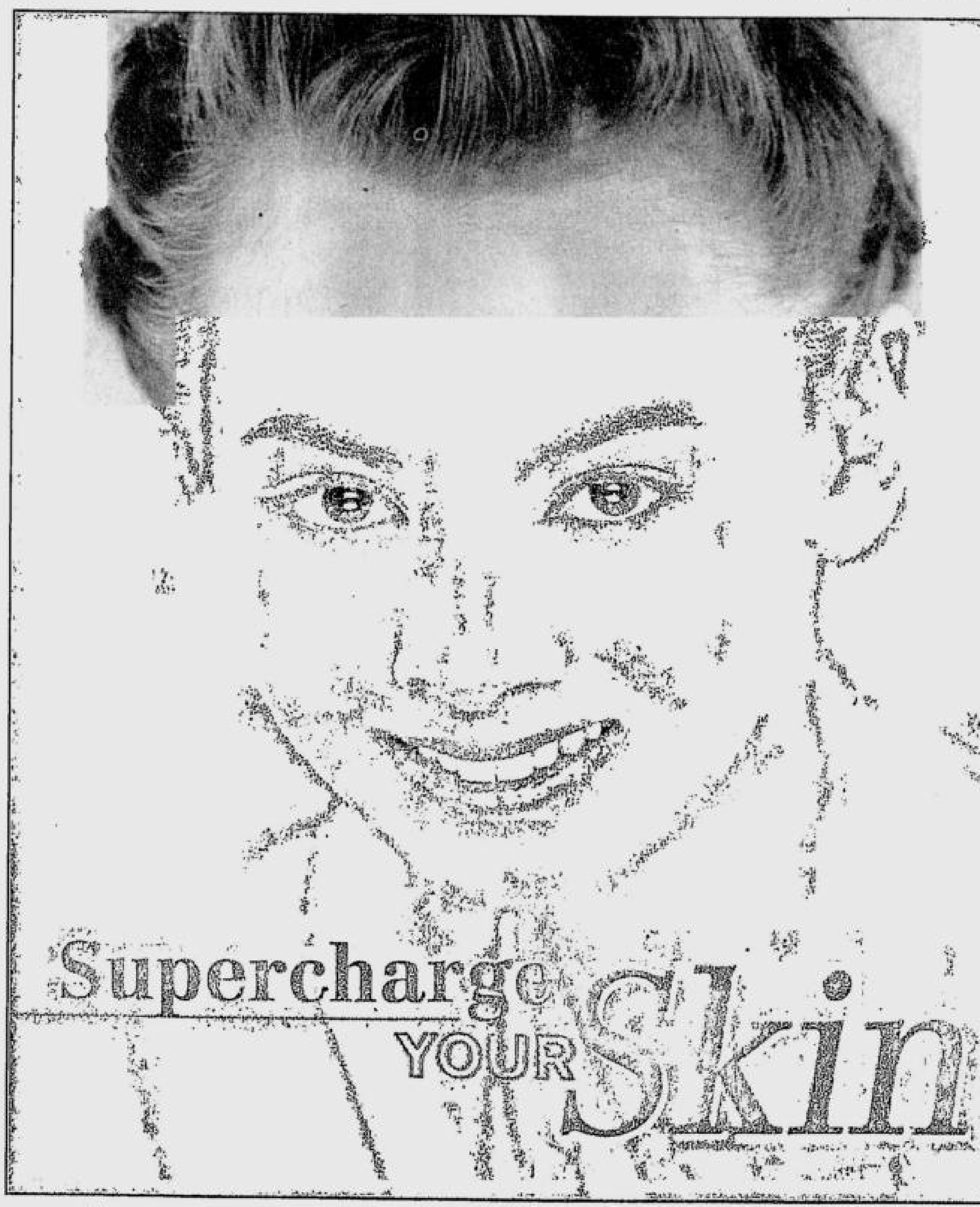

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Harry Potter for the body and soul

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tions of the implements and a listing of famous teams. Readers whose interest was sparked by reading about the broomstick-and-snitch game in the previous books will be regaled by a tongue-in-cheek retelling of Quidditch's origins and a listing of the teams from Appleby Arrows to the Wimbourne Wasps.

Both slim volumes, of course, spring from Rowling's imaginings and are welcome additions to the Potter bibliography. In a way, "Fantastic Beasts" and "Quidditch" are true books from Hogwarts because they allow readers to imagine they are really part of the Potter mythology.

Humor

The two books allow Rowling to really let loose with humor and creativity, tackling the Potter minutiae with a noticeable vigor. "Quidditch," in particular, is a very inspired book, one that personifies much of the uniqueness of the Potter mythos. "Fantastic Beasts" also has its moments, sharing some of the same fantasy landscape as the books that came before it.

"Quidditch" is truly original, but both books are good, clean—and guilt-free—fun. That's because every purchase of these two books funds Rowling's charity—the Harry's Books fund.

"I have always had a sneaking desire to write 'Fantastic Beasts & Where to Find Them' and 'Quidditch Through the Ages,'" Rowling writes, "so when Richard Curtis of Comic Relief wrote to me, I thought it was a wonderful opportunity to help a charity I have always supported." Through Comic Relief, "a special Harry's Books fund has been created where proceeds from the sale (of these two books) will go to support children's causes throughout the world. Every book sold counts!"

J.K. Rowling clearly invests a lot of the Harry Potter's unmistakable mojo in these two volumes. In fact, these books may just represent a whole new literary landscape for Rowling: Hogwarts stories beyond just Harry. Despite the books' slimness, Rowling offers a tantalizing taste of the rest of Hogwarts. It's still quite a wait until Rowling conjures her next novel, so take a break. Put down that quaffle and stop staring at that Bowtruckle and sample the simple pleasures of the world in which Harry Potter glides through.

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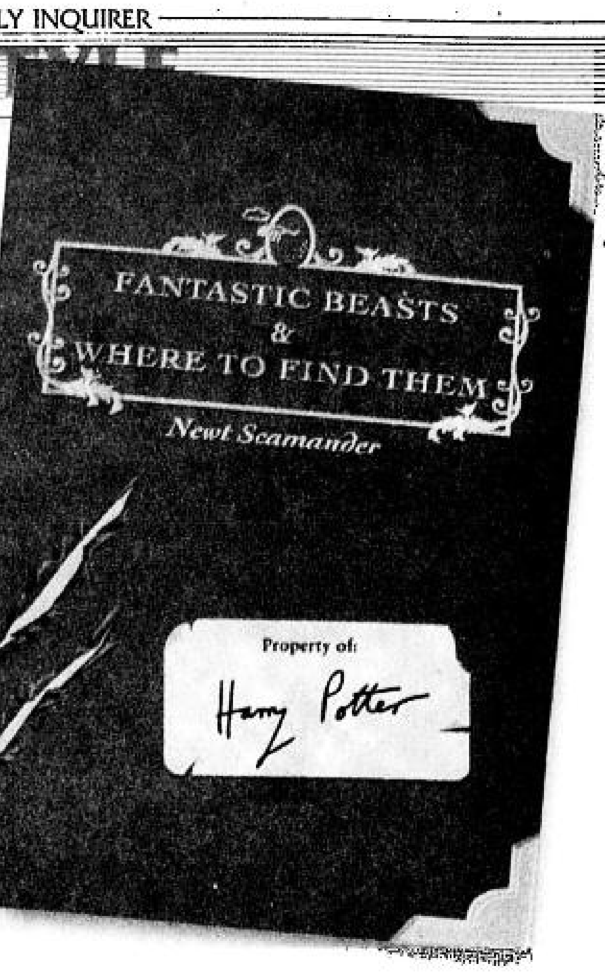

Trimedia event showcases scenes from Lake Sebu

THE BOOKMARK Inc. and the National Museum will launch a trimedia event in celebration of the museum's centennial year on April 17, 5 p.m., 4/F Museum of the Filipino People (formerly the Finance Building), Agrifina Circle, Rizal Park, Manila.

The exhibition, titled "Mga Hinabing Panaginip," showcases 100 heritage *t'nalak* fabrics and large reproductions of photographs by Neal Oshima, highlighting the weavers and scenes from Lake Sebu. The exhibit will run for six months at the North Wing, 4/F Museum of the People.

"Dreamweavers" by Ma. Elena P. Paterno, Corazon S. Alvina, Rene B. Javellana, S.J., Sandra B. Castro, is a book featuring every single design known to the T'boli weavers of Lake Sebu at the end of the millennium. This book is a tribute to the artists of Lake Sebu who gracefully work the abaca, transforming dreams both past and present into wondrous works of indigenous art. In this book is a priceless collection of woven textiles photographed by Neal Oshima, which will be donated to the National Museum and form part of their permanent collection of Philippine weaves. Book design is by Felix Mago Miguel.

Also highlighting the event is the special screening of the 45-minute video documentary "Dreamweavers/Hinabing Panaginip" by Fruto S. Corre. It tells the story of the T'boli, a group of indigenous people from Lake Sebu in South Cotabato. It documents the T'bolis' way of life through their art, song and myth, and features their dreams, aspirations and struggle to keep their artistic tradition intact in the midst of a changing environment.

A charming book launch

LOVE and romance filled the air at the launching of multiawarded author Joi Barrios' book titled "Ang Aking Prince Charming at Iba pang Mga Noveleta ng Pag-ibig." The literary affair, attended by 200 guests, was held on March 21 at Balay Kalinaw, UP Diliman.

Amid a lush green setting arranged by landscape artist Noel Metilla, and with a string quartet to serenade guests that evening, the launching's high points were film critic Dr. Roland Tolentino's witty and insightful talk on our general concept of Prince Charming (that the search cuts across genders), Dr. Bienvenido Lumbera's speech on the romance novel as a potent tool for subversion, a lyrical dance piece by artists Paul Morales and Tere Jamias, a dramatic reading directed by Prof. Josefina Estrella and a song number by Calvin Millado, who flew in fresh from Singapore after his well-applauded performance for the musical play "Rent."

Two important people present that night were former MTRCB chair Dr. Nicanor Tiongson, whom Joi acknowledged as her mentor, and Florida Barrios Peralta, the author's 85-year-old aunt whom Joi considers as her role model.

UP Press director Laura Samson also gave a short talk while UP president Francisco V. Nemenzo was represented by Dr. Teresita G. Maceda during the presentation of books to various individuals and institutions.

Among those who attended were Joi's friends from the literary, film and theater circle, as well as from cause-oriented groups. Seen were theater and film director Behn Cervantes, actress Malou de Guzman, writers and professors J. Neil Garcia, Benilda Santos, Rose Torres-Yu, Jing Hidalgo, Rene Villanueva, Satur Ocampo, Bobby Malay, Dr. Margie Holmes, Marra Lanot, Muriel and Fidel Rillo, book publisher Karina Bolasco and Mario and Alma Miclat. Also present were her school friends (from kindergarten to college) and family members.

Now that Joi is back in Japan where she is a visiting professor teaching literature at the Osaka University, readers are wont to ask what's next on her writer's sleeve. An audio tape of her romance novels? A webpage? Who knows? For this talented and well-loved writer, the writing and creating will surely never stop.

Summer reading program for kids

KIDS can visit far-off places, meet new and interesting characters and just go on one great adventure to the next, all the while in the comfort of their seats and, of course, with a book in hand. Books can be fascinating windows into other worlds, introducing readers to new friends and simply delighting them with all sorts of stories and all sorts of adventures.

With summer just around the corner, National Bookstore is getting ready to take kids on another fun-filled reading activity. The "Summer Reading Adventure" is a special workshop for kids that aims to help them realize that reading is a fun, cool and enjoyable activity while kindling their interest in reading and developing their appreciation of various books and authors.

The workshops consist of five half-day sessions that are open to kids aged 5-10. Kids will be divided into the following age groups: Emergent Readers (ages 5-6), Developing Readers (ages 7-8) and Continuing Readers (ages 9-10). Workshop schedules are as follows: April 16-20, 23-27, April 30-May 4 and May 7-11, and you can choose between morning sessions from 10 a.m.-12 nn and afternoon sessions from 2-4 p.m.

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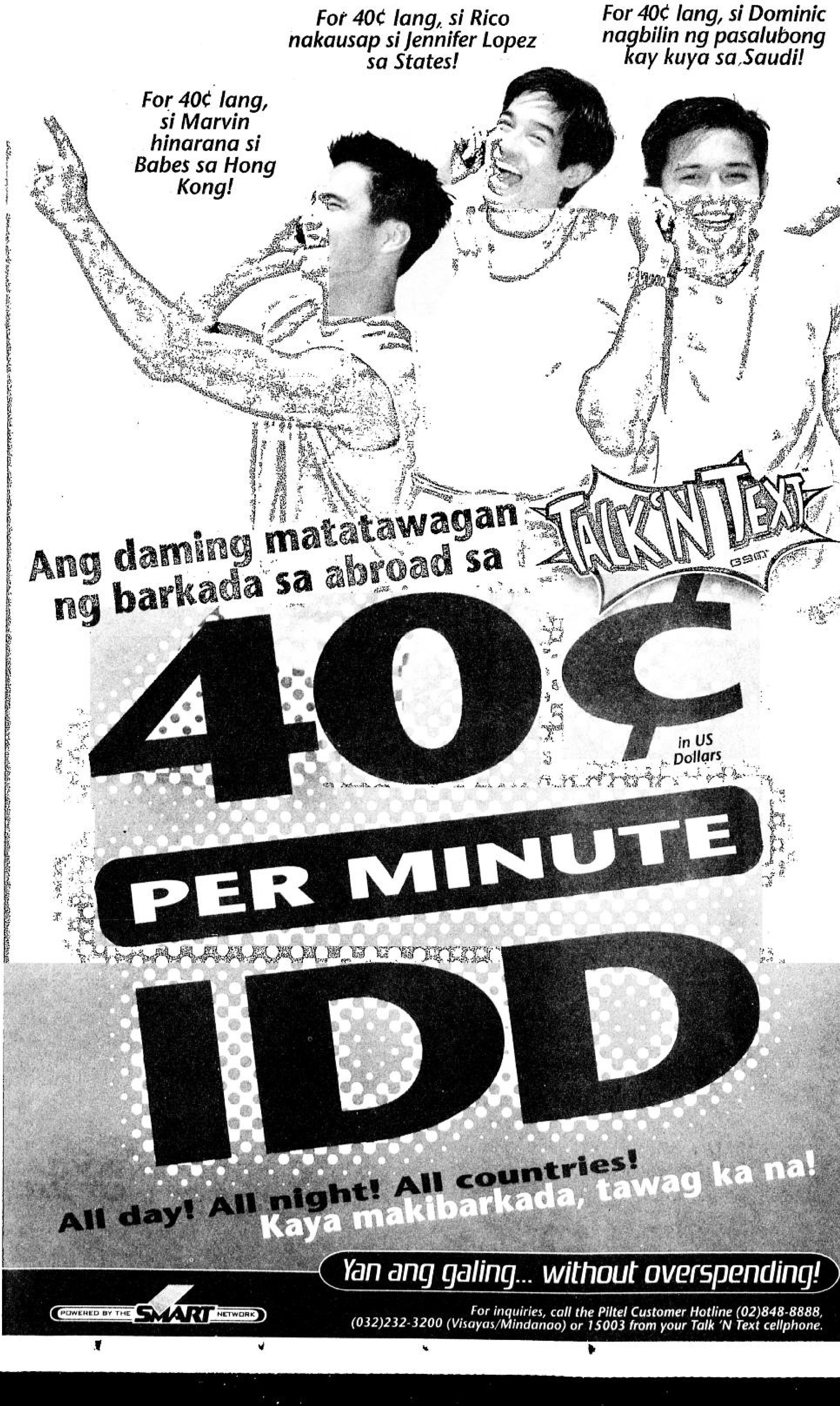
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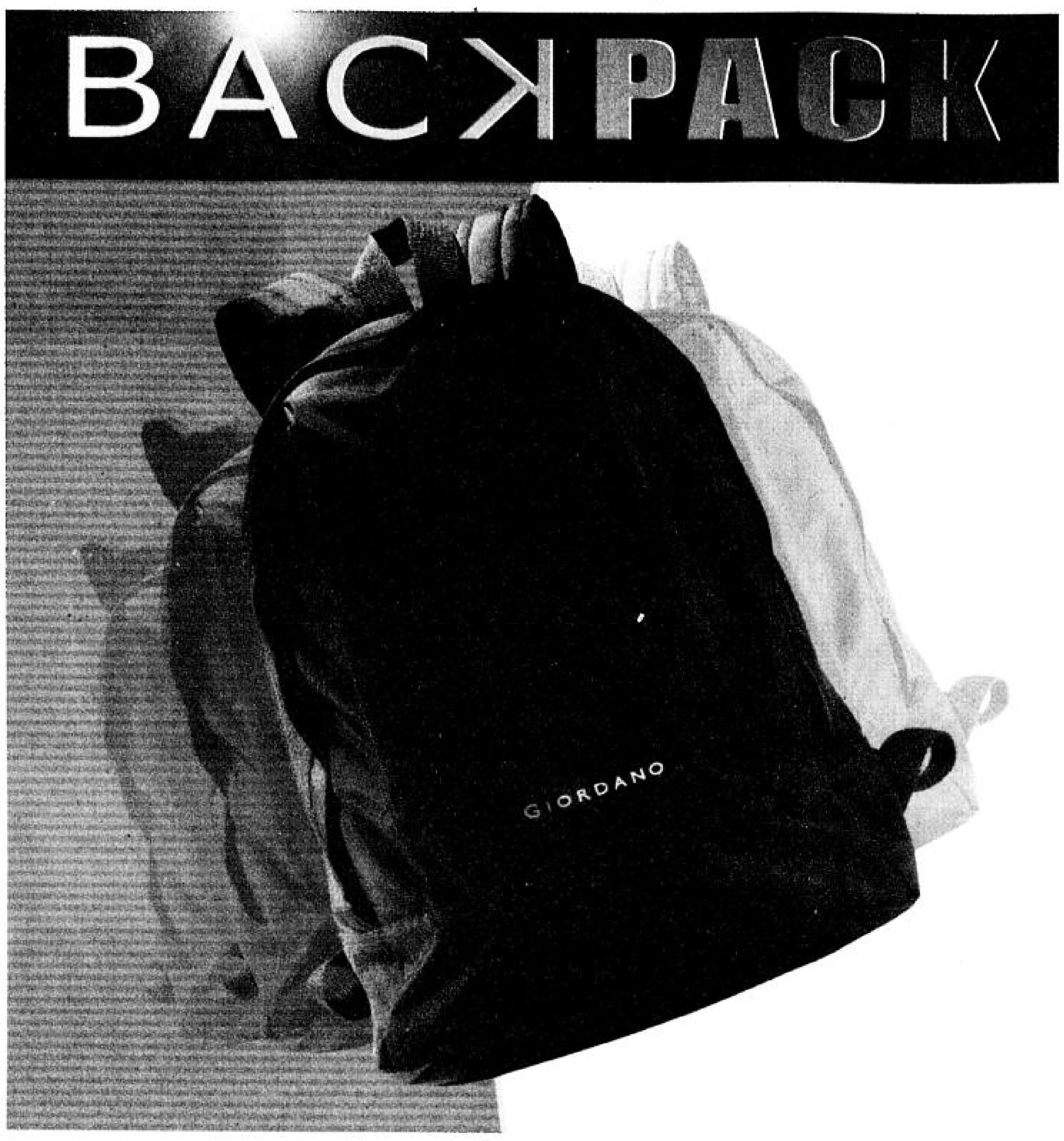

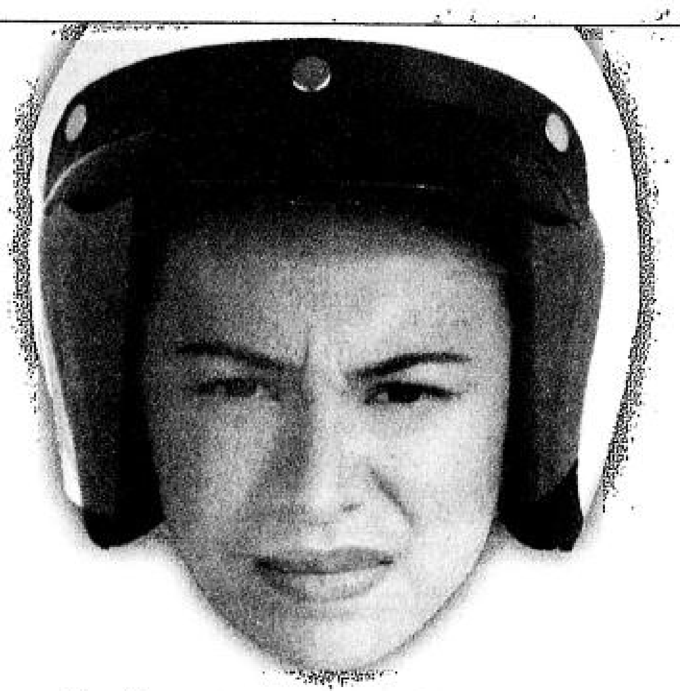

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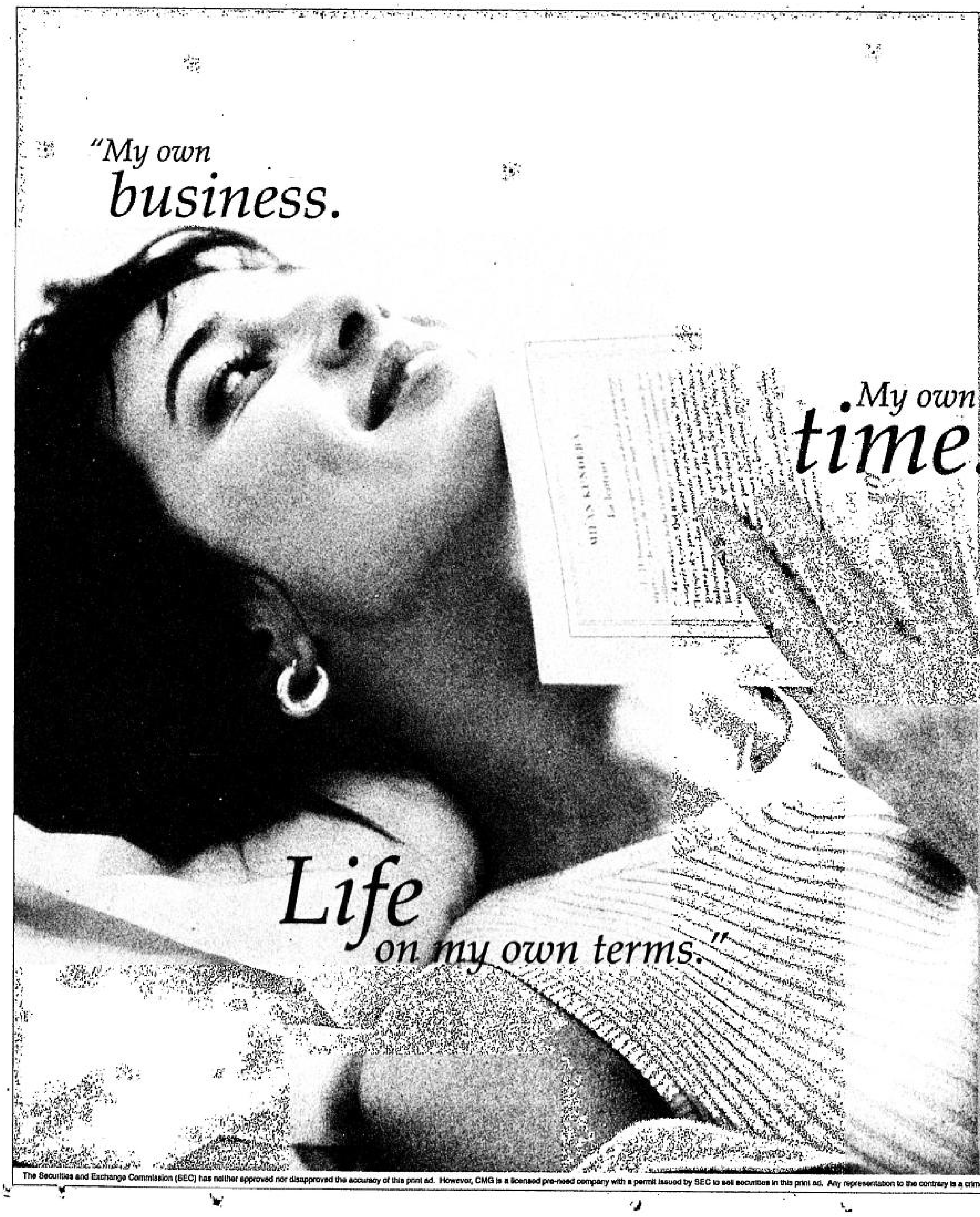
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As temples of the Holy Spirit, we should take good care of our bodies

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Josephine Darang

A DEVOTEE carries the image of St. Joseph to the shrine of Our Lady of Ubanon in Catbalogan, Samar.

HAPPY Easter and good health to you all, my dear readers. This is the best Easter gift that the Lord has given me. I am stronger now to do the things I have to do.

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After Luisa Rodis lost 18 pounds by eating the right kind of foods as suggested by her dietician at Slimmer's, she took Intra juice, which contains 23 herbs and botanicals that can cure all sorts of ailments. Upon her suggestion, I am now taking it to cure my cough. Luisa is on a crusade to urge everyone to take care of their health. Call her at 633-3568.

My doctor, Erwin Carabeo, suggests a low-fat, low-sugar and a low-salt diet. Nena Elizalde says something about not mixing protein with rice, because it will be harder to digest.

Now that I've lost 20 pounds, after suffering from edema, I am following Mara Loinaz's advice years ago to chew food very well.

Maurice Arcache was also telling us to follow the "no-salt, no-sugar" rule. And to stand for half an hour after eating. There are also vitamins and minerals that are affordable.

There's nothing like being healthy. It inspires you to welcome a new day as new life. I often pray through my guardian angel and Mama Mary for good health. Those who are sick should do the same.

Sto. Niño de Buena Obra

NILA Almoradie, who works as clerk at the Cavite National High School, is also a healer. She heals by invoking the help of the Sto. Niño de Buena Obra, who appeared to her in a dream and asked her to have His statue made.

The image is placed on a stand of *sampaguita* flowers. While in trance, the Sto. Niño told Aling Nila to tell people to do good works and to practice honesty, especially in government dealings.

Aling Nila's address is 551 Rafael Palma St., Cavite City.

Feast of Divine Mercy

POPE John Paul II declared the second Sunday of Easter as the feast of Divine Mercy (April 22 this year) during the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000. The Archdiocesan Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Mandaluyong has formed the Divine Mercy Apostolate. Please call 531-4598 for more information on the time of the fiesta Mass and on becoming a member of the association. You can also visit www.divinemercy.com.ph.

Day of grace

Our Lord gave us the image of the Divine Mercy for us to be merciful to others. He asks that the image be solemnly blessed and venerated publicly on the second Sunday of Easter so every soul may know about His mercy; and for priests to tell everyone about His great and unfathomable mercy.

This Mercy Sunday is not only meant for worshipping God, but is also a day of grace. Our Lord has made this day "a refuge and shelter for all, especially for sinners… On that day, open all divine floodgates through which graces flow." The extraordinary promise attached to the feast is "anyone who will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." Actually, availing of the Sacrament of Reconciliation may be done several days prior to the Divine Mercy Sunday. He said. "Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet."

Pilgrimage to Europe

Arpex Travel is organizing a pilgrimage to the shrine of the Divine Mercy in Krakow and other parts of Eastern Europe. The group will fly to Warsaw on May 25 to visit the shrine of the Black Madonna.

The following day, the group will take the bus to Krakow and proceed to Lagiewniki where the shrine of the Divine Mercy is located. The pilgrims will join the nuns for the 3 O'Clock Prayer.

They'll then proceed to Wadowiche, birthplace of Pope John Paul II. Other sites to visit are Wilicka, where the centuries-old salt mines are; Auschwitz; Prague, where the Infant Jesus of Prague is enshrined at the Our Lady of Victory Church; Budapest, where morning Mass will be held at the Holy Hill of Hungary, a symbol of Hungary's union with the community of Christendom; and St. Stephen's Basilica.

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St. Joseph is now in Catbalogan

THE IMAGE of St. Joseph donated by readers of this column is now in the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Ubanon in Catbalogan, Samar. It was brought there by Nena Elizalde via Cebu Pacific. Bishop Max Cruz and Msgr. Manuel Cruz were on the same flight. It was as if St. Joseph wanted them to bring him to the shrine.

Our Lady of Ubanon miracle

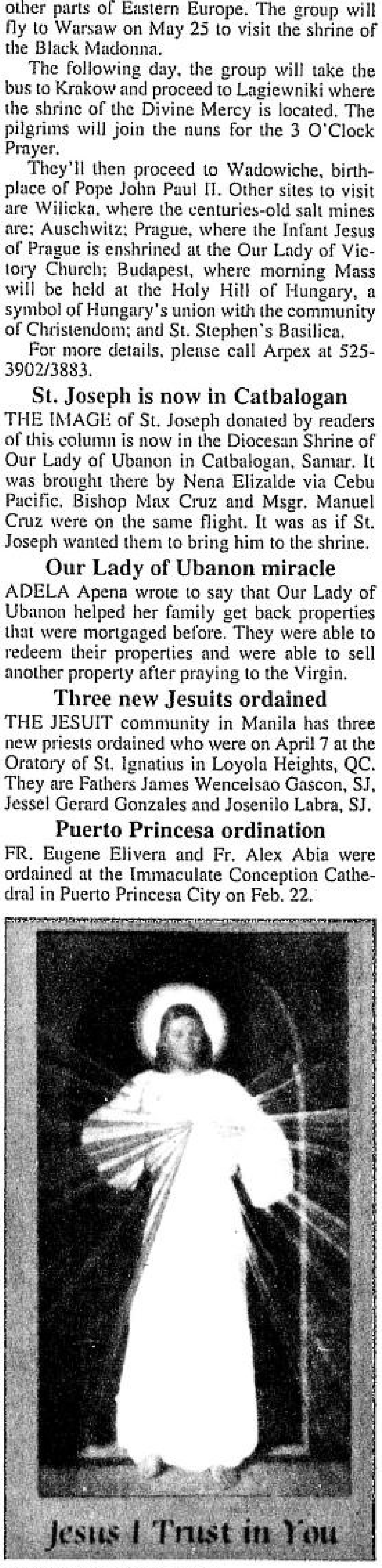
ADELA Apena wrote to say that Our Lady of Ubanon helped her family get back properties that were mortgaged before. They were able to redeem their properties and were able to sell another property after praying to the Virgin.

Three new Jesuits ordained

THE JESUIT community in Manila has three new priests ordained who were on April 7 at the Oratory of St. Ignatius in Loyola Heights, QC. They are Fathers James Wencelsao Gascon, SJ, Jessel Gerard Gonzales and Josenilo Labra, SJ.

Puerto Princesa ordination

FR. Eugene Elivera and Fr. Alex Abia were ordained at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Puerto Princesa City on Feb. 22.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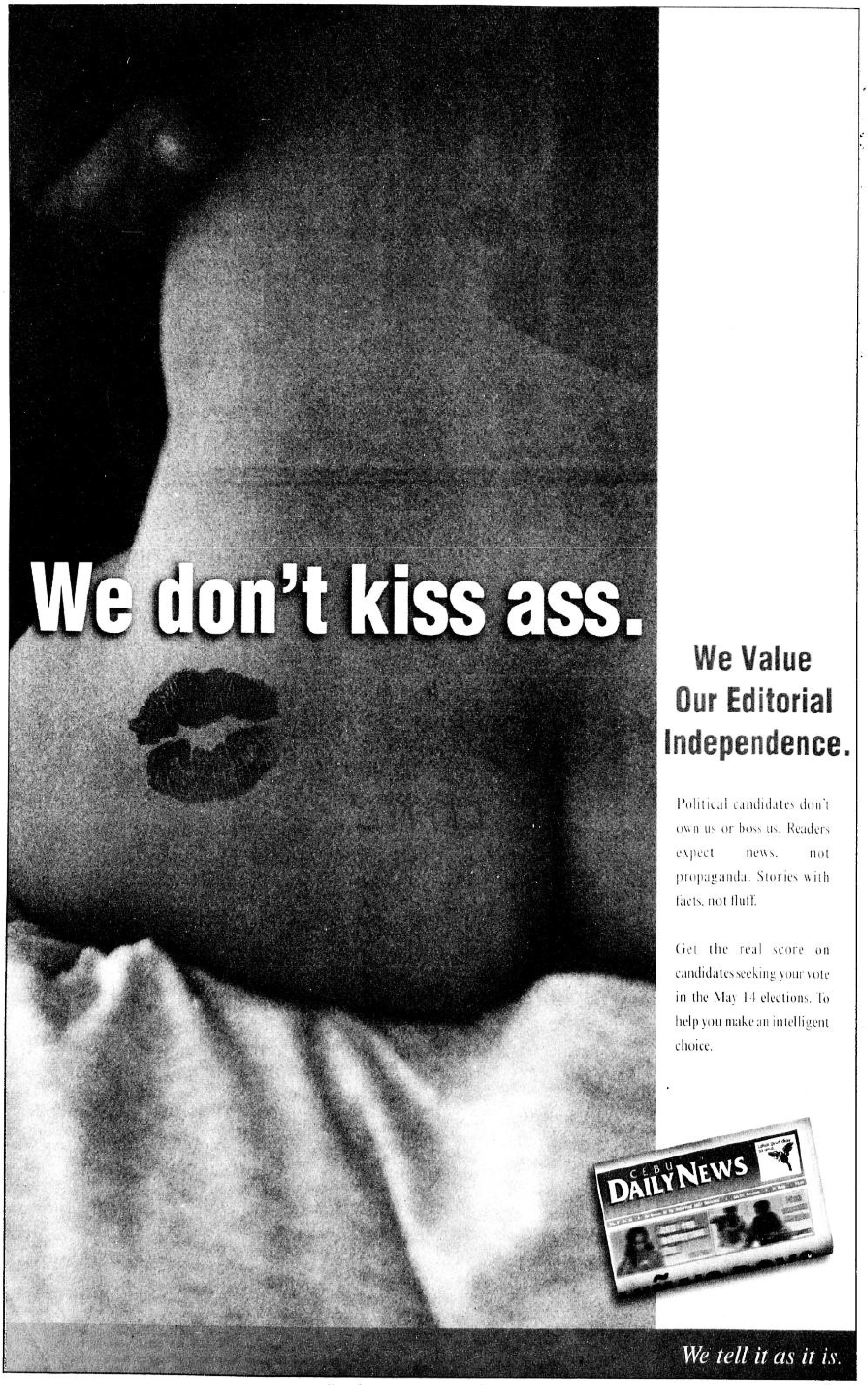

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Poetry reading contest a success

POETRY enthusiasts flocked to the Filipinas Heritage Library in Makati on March 16 to participate in "Love Out Loud 2," a poetry reading contest sponsored by the UP Creative Writing Center and the Filipinas Heritage Library. The unusual literary event is held yearly as a celebration of love poems by aspiring poets, and as a fund-raising activity for the UP CWC's projects.

Over 60 participants gamely read their original poems in English and Filipino before an audience of literary lovers, friends and a panel of judges comprised of distinguished writers from UP, Ateneo, La Salle and UST. The contest lasted for three hours and was divided into three parts. Winners were chosen by the panel of judges at the end of each hour.

This year's judges were Rebecca Añonuevo, Hermie Beltra, Marjorie Evasco, Susan Lara, Danny Reyes, Joi Barrios, Ralph Galan, Ramil Gulle, Luna Sicat, Chuck Syjuco, Roland Tolentino, Gemino H. Abad, Ronald Baytan, Mike Coroza, Jose Dalisay Jr., Lourd de Veyra, Neil Garcia, Fidel Rillo and Alfred "Krip" Yuson.

According to Mabi David, this year's affair was different from the two previous years in that participants were not limited to the Makati yuppies or students from Metro Manila schools, but came from as far away as Cavite and Marikina.

Noel Moratilla and JPV Carpio emerged as first and second prize winners in the first hour. For the second hour, Vita Brevis, Chat Coronel and Ana Baluyot won first, second and third prizes, respectively. Angelo Suarez and Eman Pascual won first and second prizes in the third hour, with Third Domingo and Beverly Siy sharing the third prize. Edber Mamisao, who performed in the second hour, was given honorable mention for his performance.

The winners are entitled to attend for free the writing workshop of their choice, from among workshops held at the Ayala Museum and the Balay Kalinaw at UP Diliman. These workshops are facilitated by prominent, much-awarded writers associated with the UP Creative Writing Center. The winning entries will also be published at Likhaan Online, the official Internet publication of the UP CWC.

Book pays tribute to Philippine eagles

A BOOK dramatizing the plight of the Philippine eagle, executed in story form and acrylic paintings, is now off the press. The book, "Fly, Malaya, Fly!" was authored by a woman and her son, both of whom have grown a keen interest on the vanishing bird species.

Caltex Phils. Inc. sponsored the publication of the book since environmental balance has been an ongoing concern of the oil firm. It was also a founding member of the Philippine Eagle Foundation, a nongovernment organization founded in 1987 to protect and save the country's national bird, the Philippine Eagle. Dennis Salvador, PEF executive director, also helped in the actualization of the book.

Grace May Chong, a Palanca winner and a former advertising executive, having left a lucrative job to pursue her passion for creative writing, crafted the book jointly with her son, Juan Ruffo "JR." They based the story on JR's winning essay about the indigenous bird when he was still in grade school.

The poignant story of the mother-and-son eagles and their persecution by illegal hunters has elicited heartwarming reaction from initial readers who were touched by the narration and who marveled at the vivid and colorful illustrations that accompanied the book.

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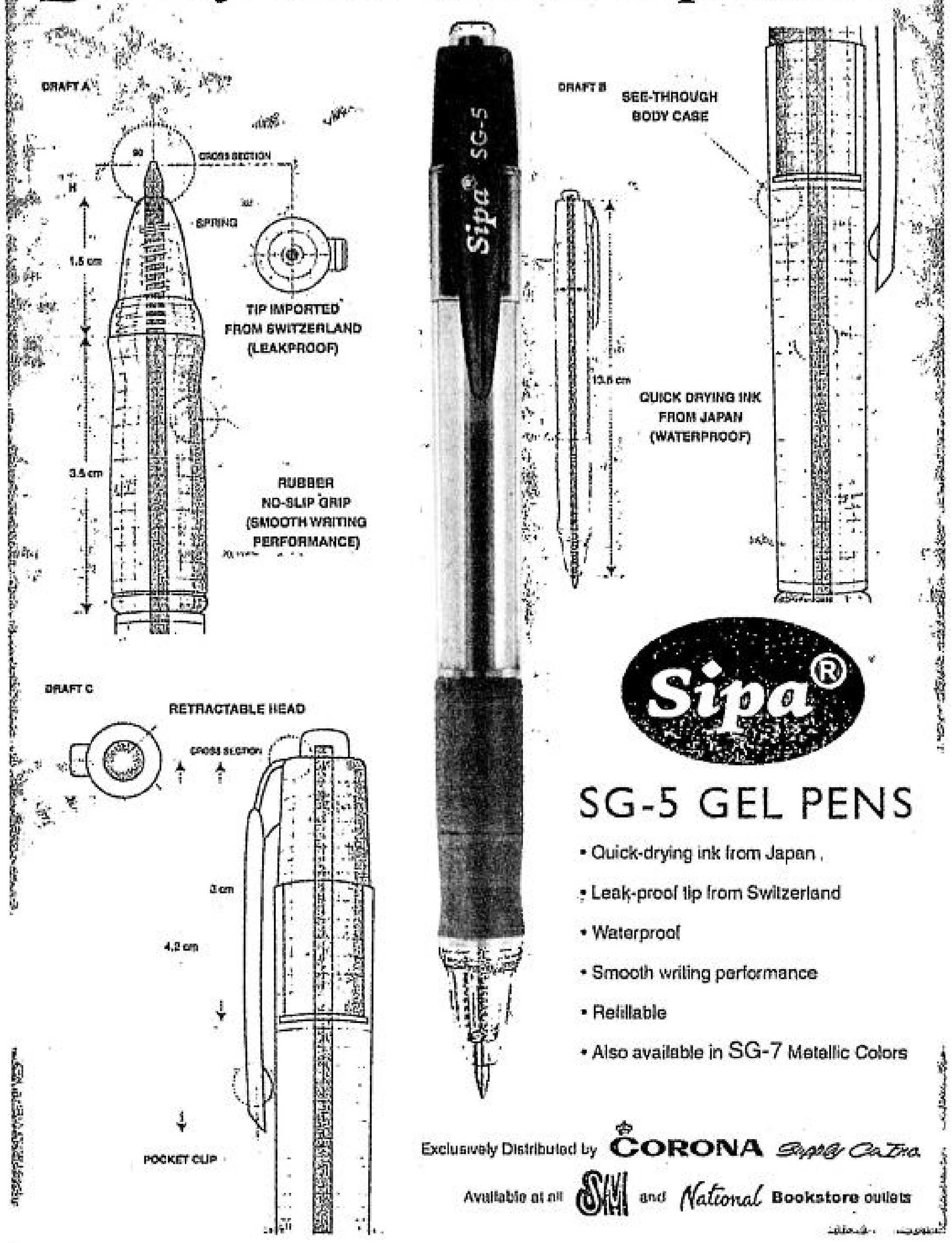

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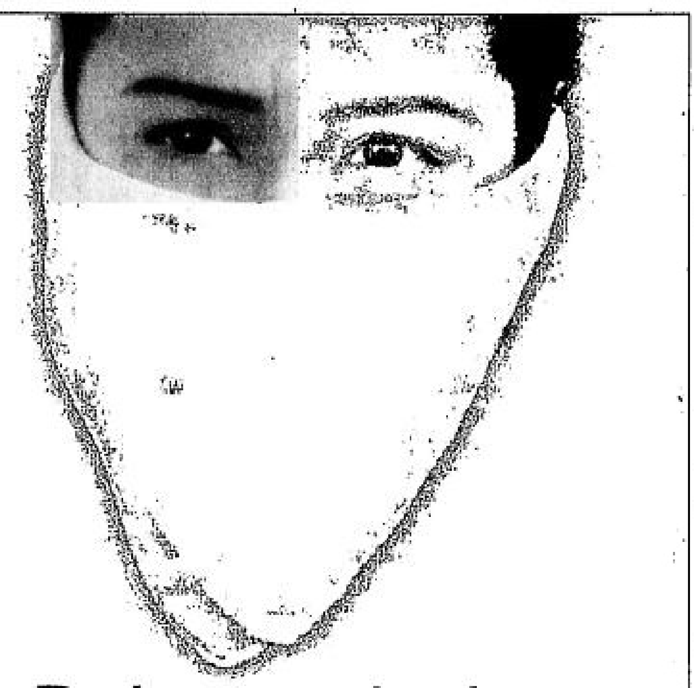

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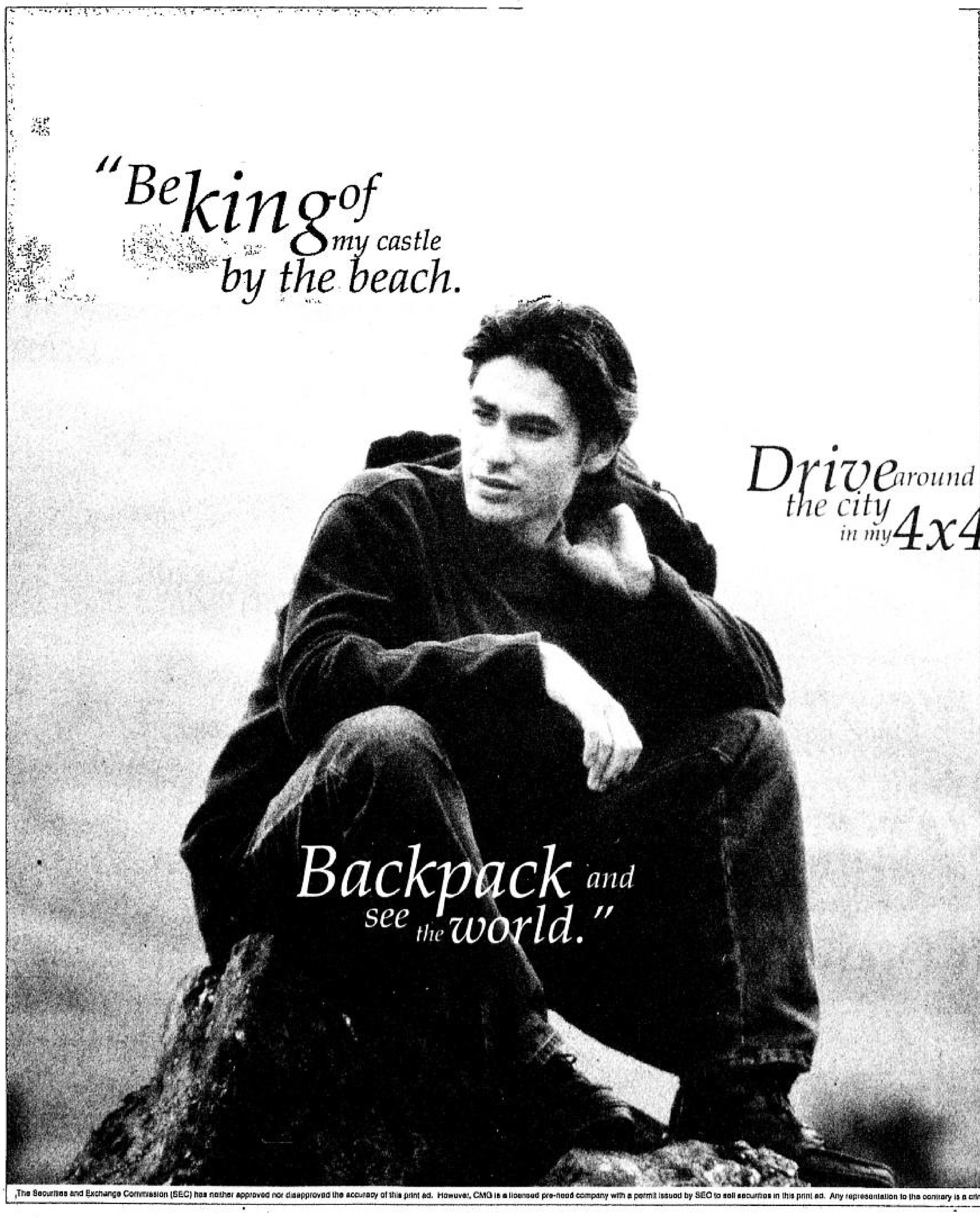
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Postscript to 'Live Show'

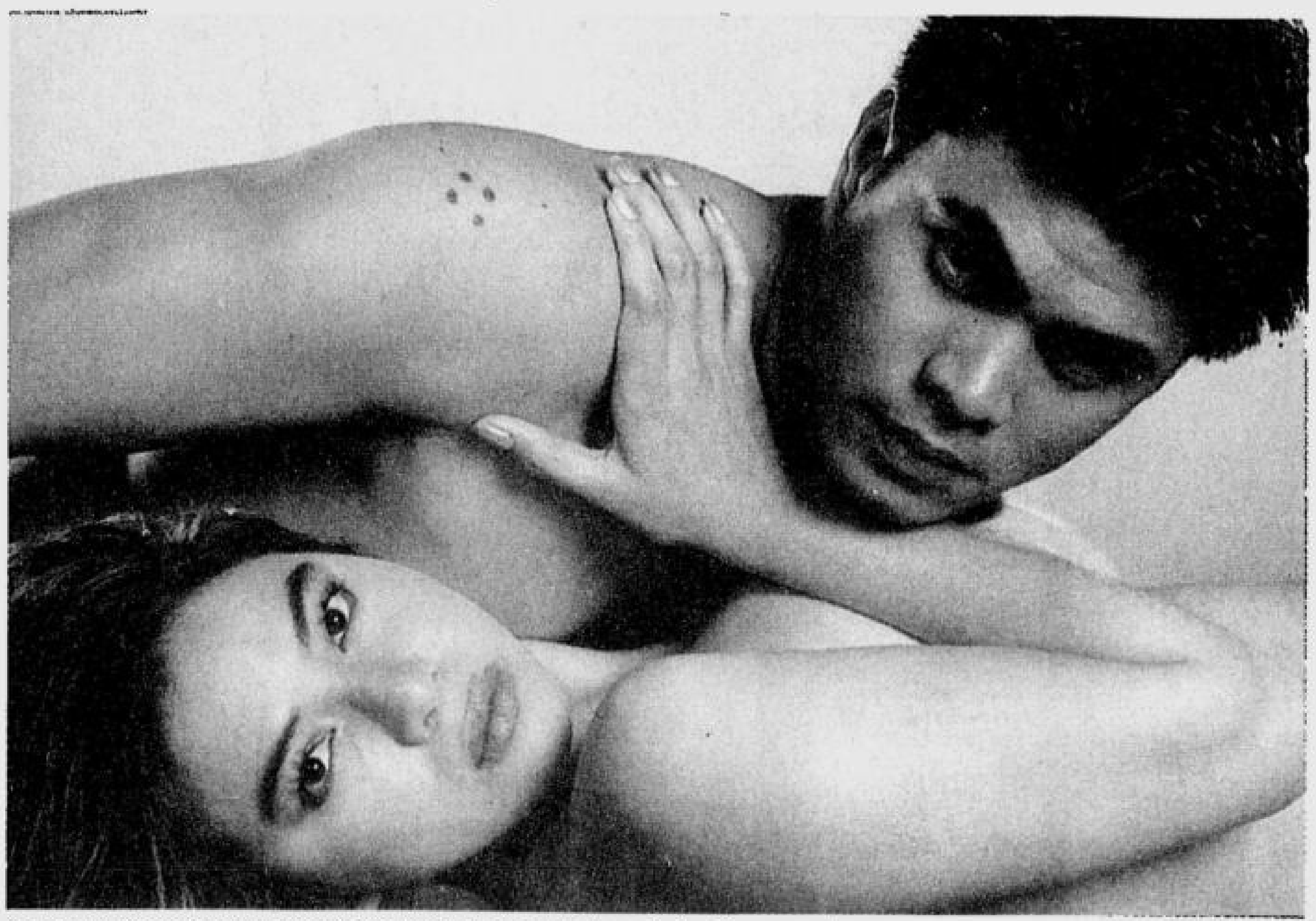
The movie is morally ambiguous but not pornographic

BY OPHELIA. A. DIMALANTA

I HAVE never been a movie buff, almost always missing out on even some of the best movies shown, local or foreign. But somehow, this long drawn-out brouhaha over the controversial movie, "Live Show," had titillated me (intellectually, that is) enough to stir my curiosity. I therefore took time out to watch the movie in the privacy of my room to see for myself, armed with my own home-grown, time-hewn, university-nurtured, Dominican-moved (hoping there are no disclaimers after this), book-imbibed and, quite importantly, gut-feel theology and aesthetics.

The movie is nothing much to crow about really. Jose Javier Reyes definitely had written and directed better movies before and is arguably one of the few best in the country. The plot is static, no epiphany here (quite forgivable in this postmodern age where epiphanies are out), the characters are wooden (unless purposive), mere pegs to hang the story on. To be sure, there is something problematic about being obsessed with a particular situation/subject and then trying to weave a tenuous storyline around it.

Out and out pessimism here, totally unrelieved, bleak and searing naturalism, fatalism, defeatism. Life is suffering. One does not choose to be born. The subtitle says we, however, make our choices (mere lip service); subtext says we cannot choose not to suffer. Only after this life can we have happiness (again mere lip service). Poverty, squalor, cussedness, bitterness. The sins of the mother are visited upon the children and there is no escaping. Scum of society, mutated human beings turned hostile, belligerent, hopeless. All Third World maladies foreigners would easily lap up (like the Smokey Mountain phenomenon way back tourists found exciting and interesting, clicking their cameras away like crazy). This subject has already been written about dry, frayed, frazzled to tatters. What else is new? What has happened to the vaunted Filipino sense of creativity?



KLAUDIA Koronel and Paolo Rivera, lead actors in the Jose Javier Reyes movie

Dispiriting

I have always been an avid fan of columnist Conrado de Quiros, but for once, I did not quite agree with him when he wrote that the subject of "Live Show" is sublimely resonant. In fact, it is quite dispiriting, nothing at all to elevate and exalt the spirit. All real works of art I would like to think are in the end optimistic. And no matter how tragic a story is, no matter how full of suffering, it is finally an affirmation of life, a profession of faith. The author seizes upon suffering only to try to wring joy from existence. But of course, as Joseph Krutch avows, contemporary man is no longer capable of nobility having lost his sense of importance in this world. One may therefore argue that the depicting of this underside of life is valid; it is reality we cannot shut our eyes to. Yes, except that I would like to believe that "art must remind us of life but not too much," quoting Henry James. Live shows are desperate and extreme recourses. There could be other ways. But that would be another story, Joey would claim. And he could be damned right, another story this time affirmative.

But the point is, is the movie immoral? Pornographic? Its morality is ambiguous and would depend pretty much on how the viewers would view or read it. One good formula to go by is: the moral consideration of a moral situation is different from the artistic consideration of a moral situation. (By moral situation here, I mean a situation involving ethics and human behavior). But first, we have to consider the fact that there is a line between what is pornographic and what is immoral. What is pornographic is immoral but what is immoral is not necessarily pornographic. What is pornographic is immoral because it lies, and the morality of art depends on its adherence to truth, not to reality because reality has many faces to different people. Art presents the truth of what man is, what life is. (Our personal theology dictates our conviction about this, and thus, the conflicting views). Pornography presents a warped sense of human nature and the human condition. Pornography lies about sexuality, about female sexuality, about sex, about our basic humanity, our innate sense of dignity, our personhood. The problem with pornography is that it eludes definition. The most we could say about it is that we would know one if we see one. This is precisely the root of all this controversy. A general definition is that pornography is something designed to cater to prurient interest. Not all sexually explicit material, however, is pornographic. Showing sexual encounters between adult persons, which are characterized by mutual respect, respect for the other party's dignity, upholding the sacredness of sex, is never debasing or degrading. It is in that sense also not morally objectionable. But the moment that such sexual acts allow one or both parties to be treated in a manner beneath their dignity as human beings, the portrayal becomes no longer mere erotica.

Debasing

In "Live Show," the sexual acts are shown as truly debasing and the debasement is even vividly etched on the performers' faces (most of the time, the woman's, take note, but this is another issue), that fixed pained look of the living dead. But we should remember that whether or not this would automatically make the movie pornographic would depend on its contextual features. The movie intends, after all, not to glorify such acts, let alone condone, but actually indict them, of whatever it is that would drive individuals to such desperate recourses, pushing them deeper and deeper with each performance hitting rock bottom. But no matter the rather candid rendering of these scenes to the consternation of the more conservative viewers, considering the context in which they should be taken, the movie offers an explicit social statement.

What about a moral statement? For purposes of focus, a writer may prescind from this particular issue, like a camera employing one particular angle. His art allows this. The contextual features of a material are intrinsic to it. Here, there certainly is no endorsement of the degrading acts. Problem is, some viewers, (including censors) hardly bother with contexts. Worse is that some movie producers sometimes fall back on this excuse, using context as pretext.

But quite importantly, are the scenes sexually titillating as to cater to prurient interest? Personally, no. But then again, this is also a matter of sensibility and varying thresholds of sexual susceptibility among the viewers, some of whom we advise to get educated along this line.

Freedom

Meantime I hope that the controversy is laid to rest and that we move on to more movies which, no matter how depressing, eventually bring about that upward swing toward the end, the underside lifting up a bit, movies which, no matter how tragic and perhaps precisely because they are tragic and not merely pathetic or melodramatic, end up being not mere social documents but high art. Oh, yes, there is such a thing as aesthetic freedom, but this right is only for the truly artistic and the truly responsible (of course, Joey Reyes including). Freedom to foist bad movies on the audience? Certainly no such freedom, considering the supposed-to-be severe demands of art.

The movie "Live Show" is not pornographic. It is to say the least amoral but could be morally dangerous since most of the Filipino movie audiences still go by the affective standard of responding to movies that they watch mostly for entertainment.

There are other violations of human dignity that can be worse cases of pornography, like prostitution and porno-violence. And violence is one show we see live almost every day of our lives and in almost all dark and stealthy corners of this sad republic.

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Tomas literary journal to be launched in Baguio

THE UNIVERSITY of Santo Tomas Center for Creative Writing and Studies will launch the latest issue of Tomas, the official literary journal of UST, on April 27, 4 p.m., at the Villa Romana, Ambuklao Road, Baguio City.

The launching will form part of the closing proceedings of the UST National Writers Workshop, which will be held starting April 23 in Baguio City. Thirteen aspiring writers from all over the country have been granted fellowships to attend the workshop.

Before the launching, UST-CCWS will hold its traditional "UST-ingan," the round-table discussion on literature and sundry issues. The forum, the first to be held outside of Manila, will tackle "New Currents in the Teaching of Literature and Creative Writing." Discussants include Ophelia Alcantara-Dimalanta, director of the UST-CCWS and chair of the Technical Panel on Literature of the Commission on Higher Education; multiawarded poet and literature professor Cirilo Bautista; and National Artist-elect F. Sionil Jose. Literature teachers, students and lovers around Baguio and Northern Luzon are invited to the conference.

The latest issue of Tomas will contain excerpts from the much-awaited Tagalog novel of Cirilo Bautista, the latest fiction from F. Sionil Jose, and the latest writings of Dimalanta and other associates of the Center (Ramil Gulle, Rebecca Anonuevo, Lourd de Veyra, Mike Coroza and Ralph Galan).

The issue also contains works by Merlinda Bobis, Cristina Pantoja Hidalgo, Nerissa Guevarra and other Filipino writers. It also contains works by recent foreign guests of the UST-CCWS: Tunisian-French poet-translator Amina Said, Scottish poet Roddy Lumsden and British fictionist Suzannah Dunn.

The public is invited to the launching. Call Alma Maguilin or Prof. Erli Mendoza at 731-3101 local 8281.

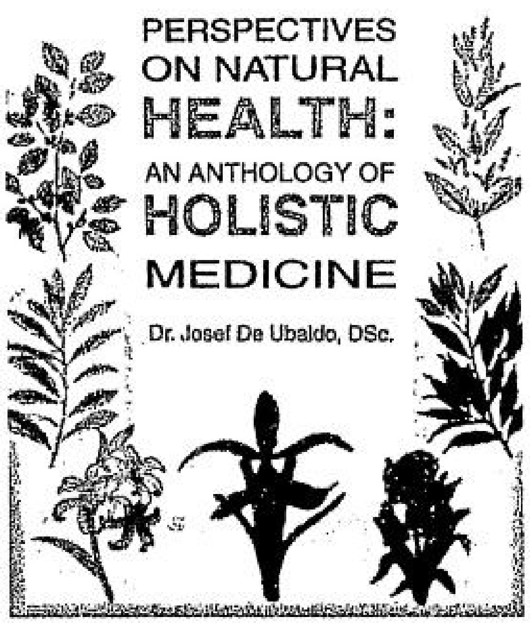
A tribute and book launching

"PERSPECTIVES on Natural Health: An Anthology of Holistic Medicine" will be launched on April 23 at the Makati A&B function rooms of the Makati Shangri-La, under the auspices of Grand Post International Phils.

Informative and instructional, the book features a collection of articles, speeches, researches and essays by Dr. Josef de Ubaldo for the last five years.

De Ubaldo is a recipient of the Star of Asia Award from Medicina Alternativa, International Open University for Complementary Medicine in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Recently, he was named ambassador and official correspondent of the World Federation of Integrated and Complementary Medicine in the United Kingdom headed by Sir Jason Winters, KGSJ.

Proceeds will go to the Institute of Woundology. Call 371-7015/16.



Lecture to plumb eroticism in Pinoy literature

ANVIL Publishing Inc. and Filipinas Heritage Library will host a lecture titled "Eros Pinoy: Plumbing the Erotic in Philippine Poetry and Fiction" on April 21 at 4:30 p.m. at The Filipinas Heritage Library, Makati Avenue, Makati City.

In the wake of the controversy over pornography via-a-vis art, the lecture-reading will plumb eroticism in contemporary Philippine English literature. Alfred "Krip" Yuson will argue that there is hardly any overstepping into pornography when it comes to the written word, at least where creative writing is concerned.

Yuson has recently conducted the selection and text editing for a forthcoming Anvil publication titled "Eros Pinoy: Philippine Erotic Art and Poetry," with the artworks culled and selected by notable artists Bencab and Pandy Aviado.

Yuson is a multiawarded poet fictionist and essayist. He has written 12 books of poetry, fiction, essays and children's literature. His most recent publications are "Mothers Like Elephants," a poetry collection, and "Voyeurs and Savages," a novel that won the Centennial Literary prize. He teaches fiction and poetry at the Ateneo de Manila University.

New book on cancer now out in the market

CHINESE cancer expert and veteran physician Dr. Xie Wanwel announced that his latest book on cancer, "Cancer-Death? Treatment of Cancer the Chinese Way," is now available in the country.

Xie is founder of the China-based Beijing Oriental Research Center of Cancer, professor at the Beijing Union College's Training Center of Traditional Chinese Medicine and senior research associate on oncology and immunology in Cleveland, Ohio, USA.

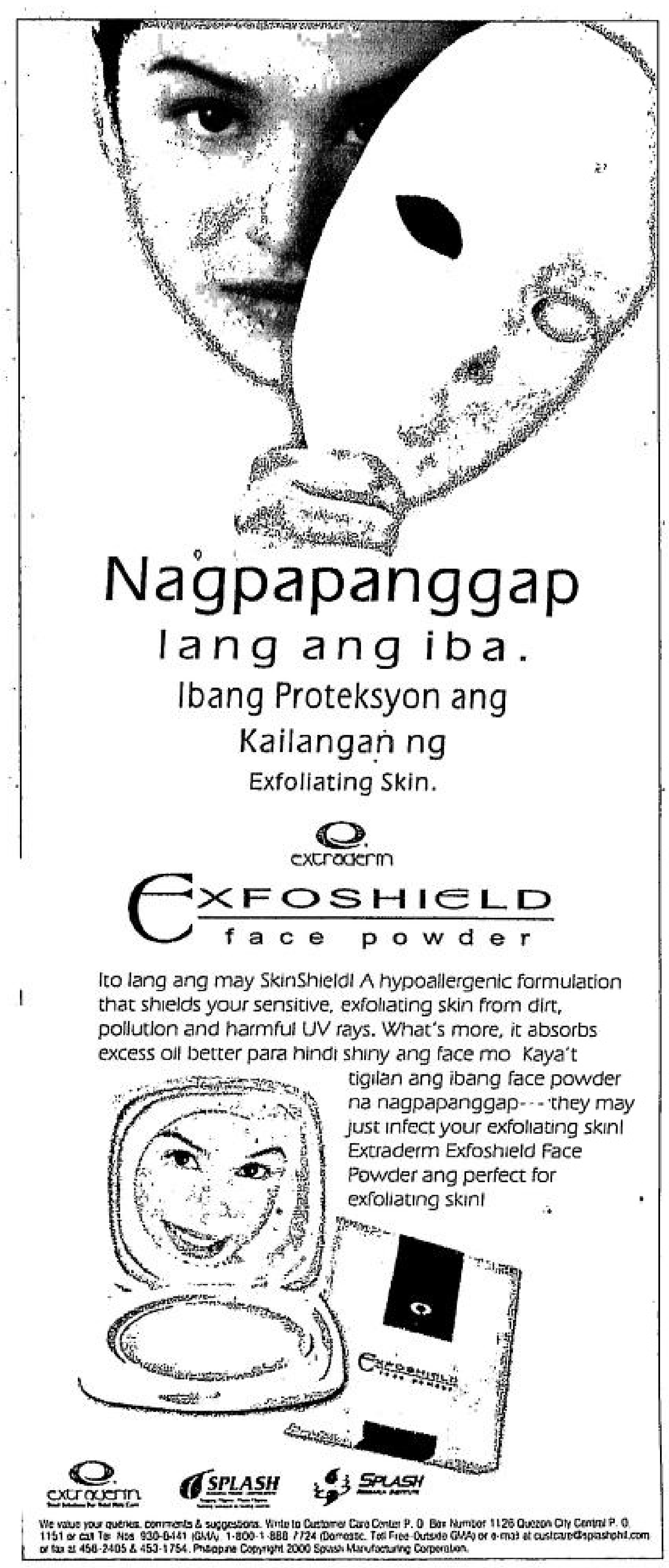
With 30 years of clinical experience and several years of US-based research, Xie is also responsible for developing a Chinese herbal product designed to treat herpes and AIDS—also developed in the United States.

Xie listed 100 successful case examples in the said book, citing the mechanism of traditional Chinese medicine in curing cancer—"a concept which may still seem to be mysterious to many Westerners."

For its part, Manila-based Green and Gold International Exports, the Philippines' exclusive distributor of China No. 1 Tian Xian Liquid (reportedly helping alleviate condition of terminal cancer patients) announced that Xie's latest book about cancer is now available at their office, located at Room 307 Solmac Building, 84 Dapitan corner Banaue Streets, QC, tel. 415-8714, 781-0069 or visit www.cancerherbal.com.

Meanwhile, the Manila-based group added that "The Cancer Terminator" and "Never Give Up! Survival From Cancer!" books, written by multiawarded Chinese cancer expert and professor Wang Zhen Guo, are also available in their office.

Wang has received awards worldwide—recognition from China's State Ministry of Health, China's State Medical Administration, Highest Honors in the 38th World Eureka Invention Expo, World's Best Individual Invention, and from the Belgian and Chinese governments.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James Patterson, mystery-suspense novelist

POPOULAR mystery-suspense novelist and National Bookstore's Author of the Month, James Patterson, began his writing career when his debut novel, "The Thomas Berryman Number," was published in 1976, winning him the Edgar Award for Best First Mystery Novel at the young age of 27. Ironically, "The Thomas Berryman Number" was turned down by 26 publishers before it was published by Little Brown and won the Patterson award.

Patterson grew up in Newburg, New York, graduating summa cum laude from Manhattan College with a B.A. in English, and summa cum laude with an M.A. in English from Vanderbilt University. He served as chair of the global advertising company, J. Walter Thompson in North America, from 1990-1996, making his mark in the advertising industry with award-winning campaigns for a number of top companies before deciding to write full-time.

He is best known for his string of major national bestsellers featuring detective/psychologist Alex Cross. Books in the Cross series include "Kiss the Girls," which went on to become a major motion picture starring award-winning actor Morgan Freeman as Alex Cross; "Along Came a Spider," "Jack & Jill," "Cat & Mouse," "Pop goes the Weasel" and most recently, "Roses Are Red." Patterson is set to launch a new series of books with the publication of "1st to Die," the novel that introduces the Women's Murder Club. He is also the author of "Cradle and All," "When the Wind Blows" and "Hide and Seek."

Seminar-workshop on Philippine literature at Ateneo

THE FILIPINO Department of Ateneo de Manila University will hold its annual seminar-workshop on April 18-30. This year, the workshop tackles the different genres of Philippine literature with an accent on traditional, modern, postmodern and postcolonial approaches. Facilitators include Dr. Benilda S. Santos, noted feminist and award-winning poet; Dr. Rolando Tolentino, short story writer and essayist, and DM Reyes, poet and short story writer. Registration fee is P200 per session. Call the Filipino Department at 426-6001, local 5320 to 21 or e-mail filipino@admu. edu.ph.

Chile university honors Baby Puyat-Reyes

AMBASSADOR Maria Consuelo Puyat-Reyes was the first recipient of the first Medal of Honor by the University of Santo Tomas and IC-ICUSTA (International Council of Universities of St. Thomas Aquinas) during solemn ceremonies at the university's Aula Magna.

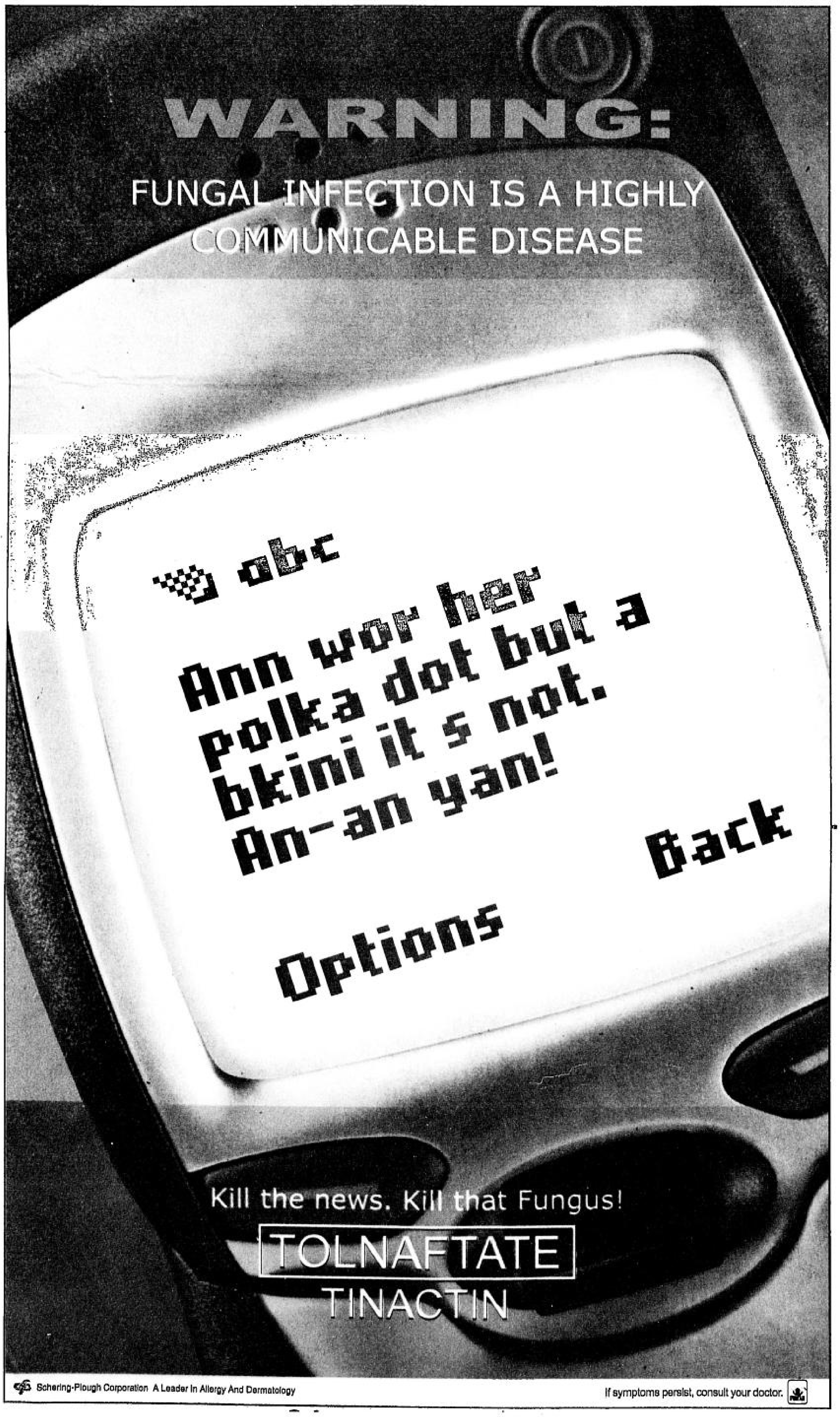
Reyes was cited in her capacity as honorary president of the Asean Institute of UST-Chile.

IC-ICUSTA is a federation of universities around the world devoted to the ideals of St. Thomas Aquinas, the most influential theologian of the Catholic Church. UST of Manila is a member.

The federation has 32 universities in the four continents with a combined population of 320,000 students.

Ambassador Puyat-Reyes was particularly cited for forging closer ties between the Philippines and Chile. At the same time, she was instrumental in giving birth to the Asean Institute by bringing to the Chileans the varied aspects of Asean culture and traditions.

In attendance were Foreign Undersecretary Rosario G. Manalo, who was the personal representative of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. Assistant Foreign Secretary Rey Carandang and members of the diplomatic corps.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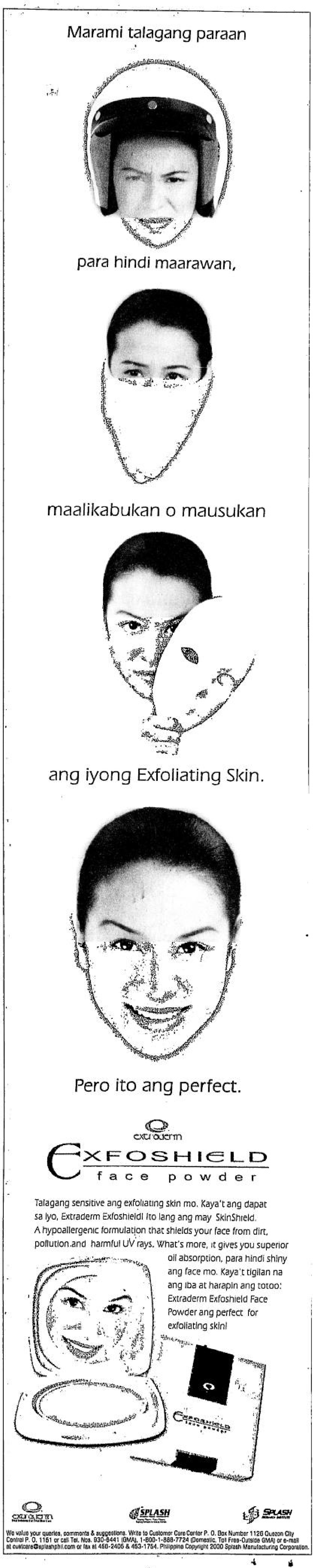

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DOST to boost information, communications initiatives

By Erwin Lemuel G. Oliva

THE DEPARTMENT of Science and Technology (DOST) recently indicated that it has lined up activities aimed at boosting information and communications technology (ICT) activities in the country.

In its "first 100 days" report to President Macapagal-Arroyo, the agency said it would sustain its ICT research and development activities through the Comprehensive Program to Enhance Technology Enterprises (Compete) program, its training and certification programs with Oracle Systems Philippines and its partner institution program with the private sector's Information Technology Foundation of the Philippines (ITFP).

The government has recently allocated a P2.7-billion budget for the agency for 2001. This is a reenactment of the budget last year, minus capital expenditures.

The agency had hoped to get P5.7 billion.

Compete was initiated under former Science Secretary Filemon Uriarte Jr. It was designed to boost private sector participation in the country's technology research and development (R&D). The DOST established Virtual Centers for Technology Innovation (VCTIs), specifically for ICT and microelectronics.

The Advanced Science Technology Institute (Asti), DOST's research and development arm, is among the VCTIs identified by the agency. It is now working on wireless and networking technologies, including Bluetooth.

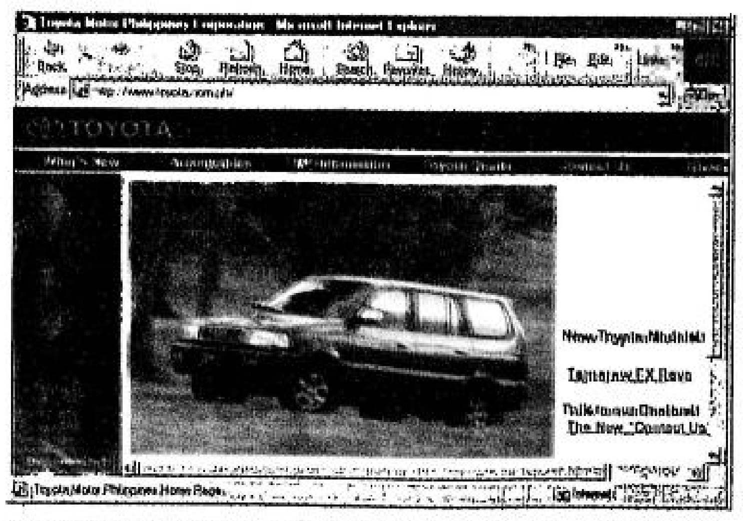
This year, the DOST will establish a microelectronics design laboratory for so-called application-specific integrated circuit design, the agency report indicated.

The DOST indicated that it will continue the various Oracle technology-related training programs at the University of the Philippines College of Engineering this year. The program will extend training to the faculty and computer science students of UP Diliman, UP Manila and the University of Baguio.

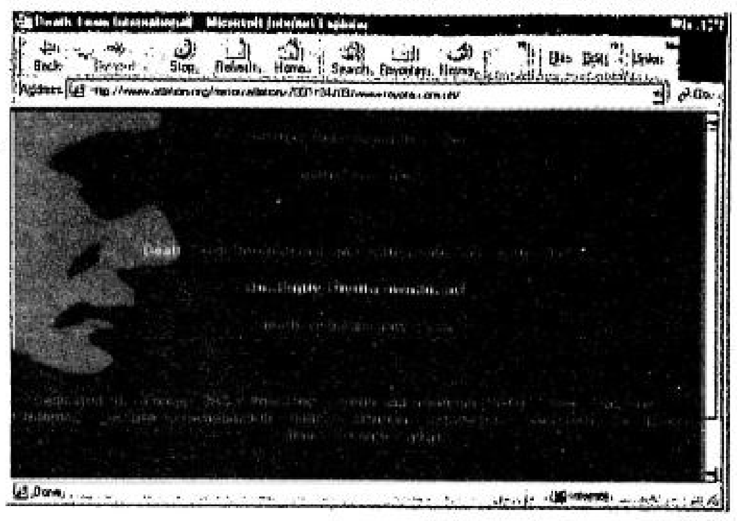
The agency will also continue working with Sun Microsystems on Java training for trainers this year, the report said.

The agency is set to launch the VCTI-IT partner institution program with the ITFP. It will be conducting a series of road shows in Manila, Davao City and Cebu City. This program is open to academic institutions. The ITFP will charge from P25,000 to P50,000 as membership fee for participants in the program.

The agency also indicated that it would open the third ICT Learning Hub at iThink Technologies in Davao City this year.



TOYOTA Motor Philippines' website before (above) and after (below) the hack attack. The hackers identified themselves as the DeathTeam.



Toyota site hacked

By Erwin G. Oliva

EVEN as a labor dispute is disrupting its operations in the Philippines, Toyota Motor Philippines Corp.'s website at www.toyota.com.ph was also temporarily "shut down" by a group of hackers called Death-Team.

Ironically, workers have been staging a protest against the Japanese car manufacturer, causing the shutdown of its assembly plants in Bicutan, Parañaque and Sta. Rosa, Laguna.

The Inquirer tried calling up Toyota for comments but was told that the people were not around to answer questions due to the protest.

A dark-blue profile of a man appears on the defaced website, which was posted at the Attrition.org website. A mirror of the hacked page can be accessed at http://www.attrition.org/mirror/attrition/2001/04/09/www.toyota.com.ph.

The hackers declared: "DeathSymb0L owned th1s site! Death-Team rulez! Enj0y T0y0ta own3d."

A hacker called Death-Symbol also left this e-mail address: deathsymbol@mighty.co.za.

The Toyota website, however, has been fixed after the incident. Attrition.org indicates that the Toyota.com.ph website is hosted on a Microsoft-IIS/4.0 Web server and runs on an NT 4.0 operating system.

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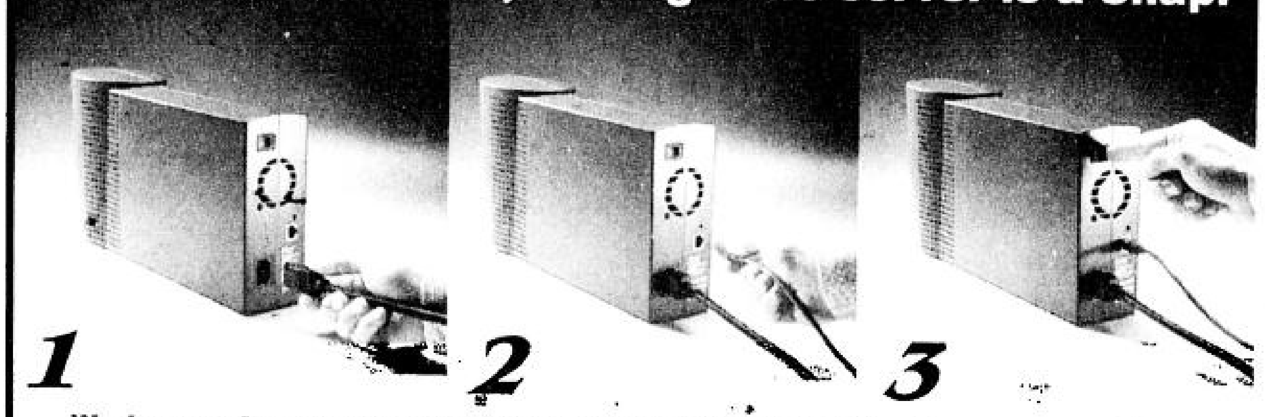

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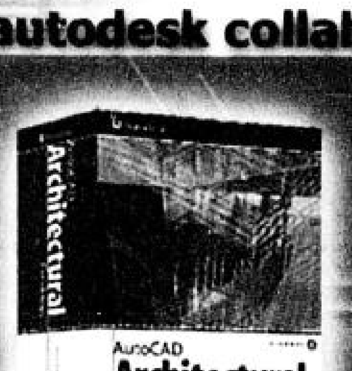

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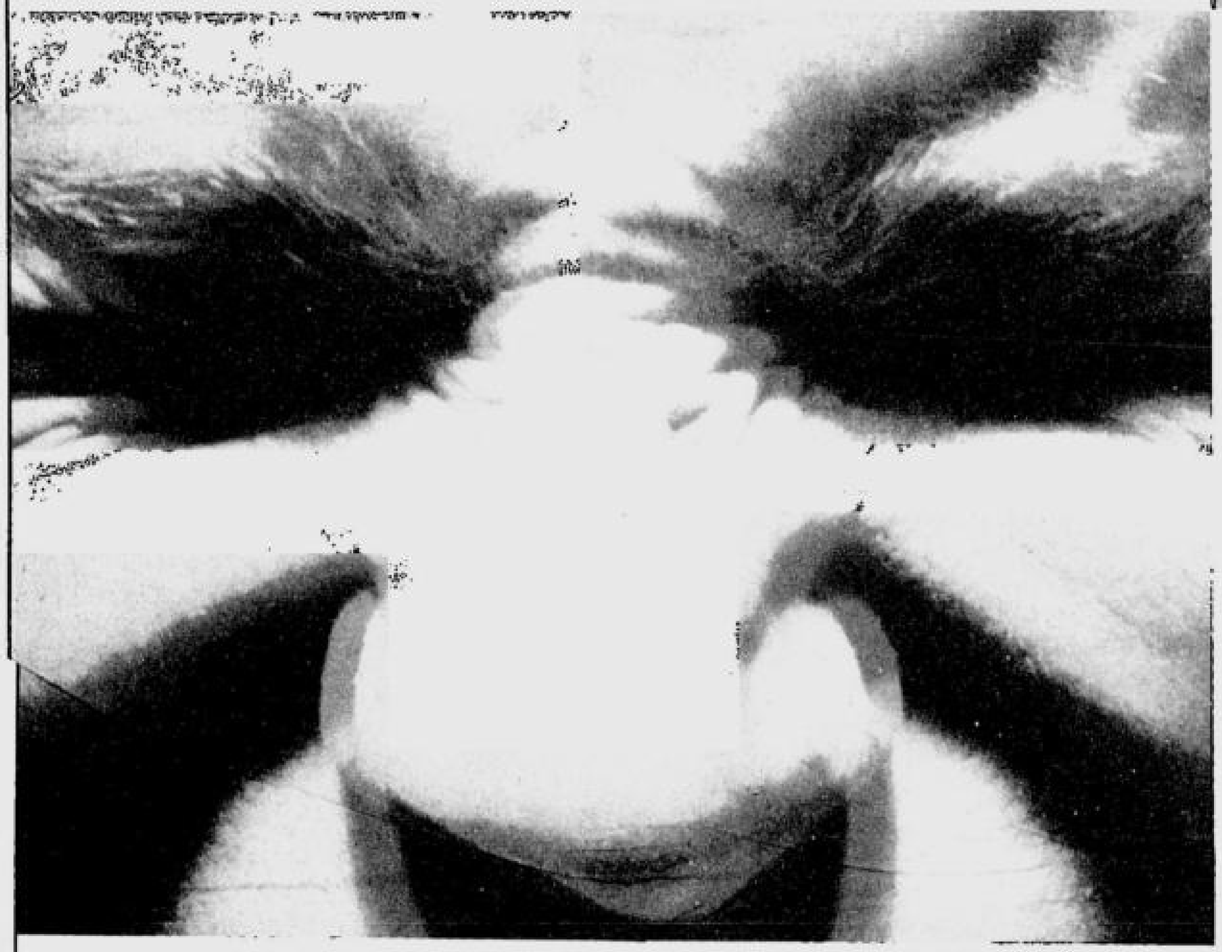

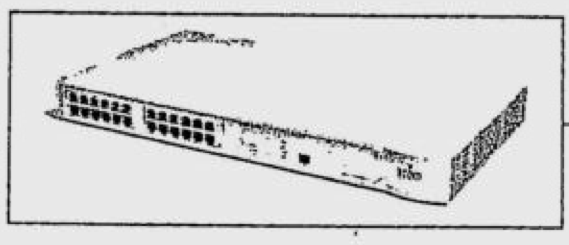

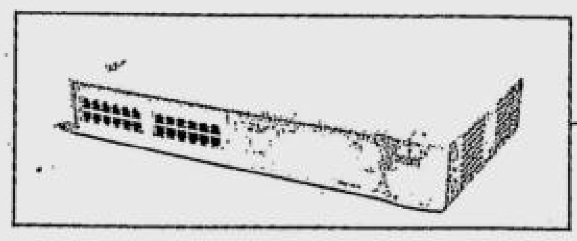

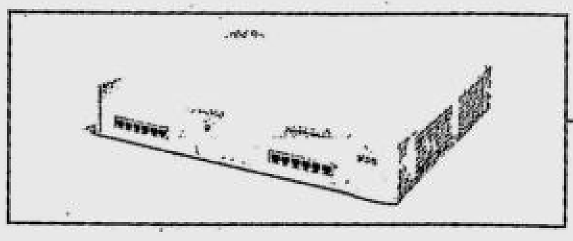

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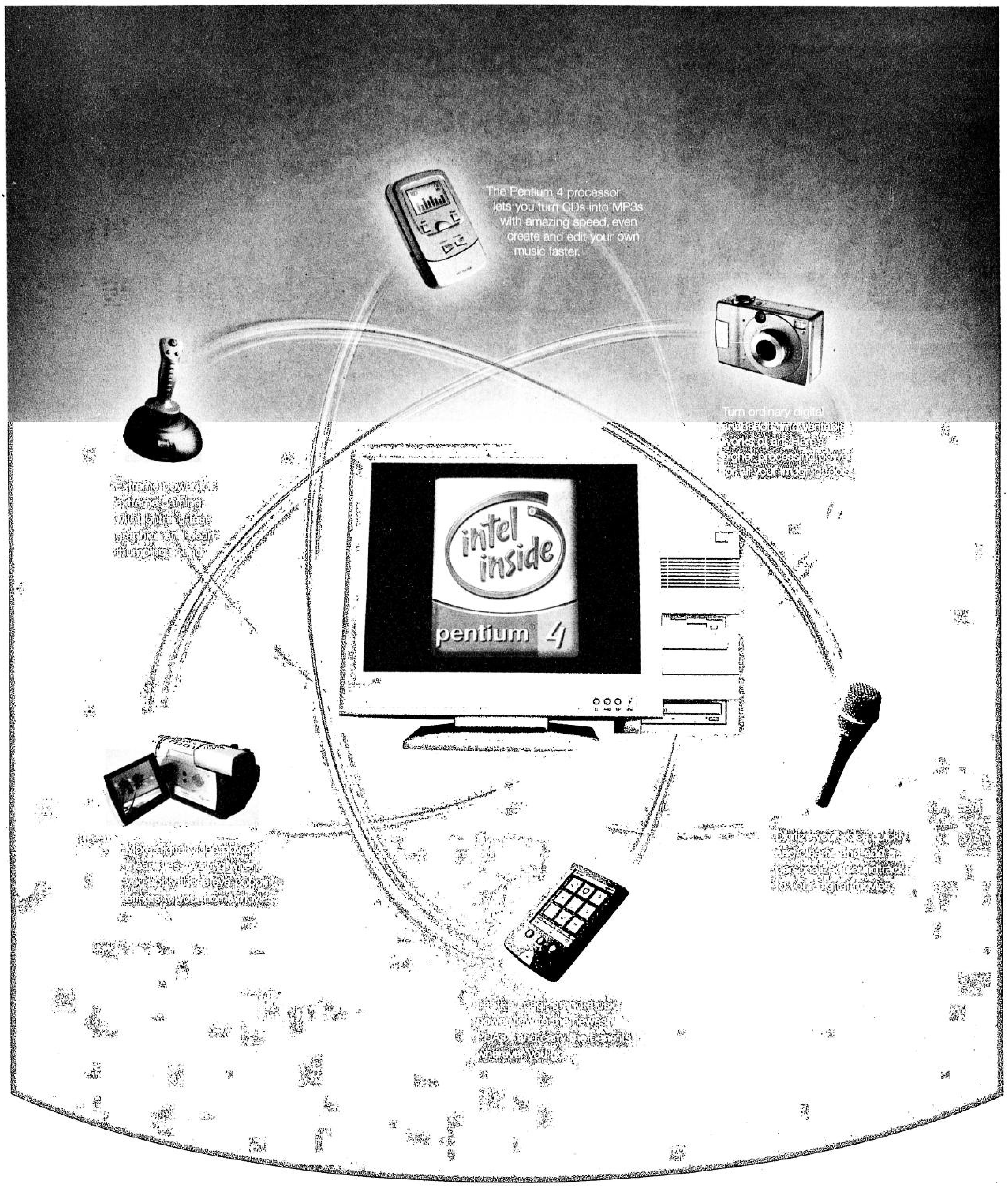

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ELAGDA.COM campaign director Vicente Romano (standing) with (seated, from left) lawyer Tony Pastelero, JJ Soriano of Estore Exchange, Dondi Mapa of Hatchasia.com and Boy Sevilla, president of the Rotary Club Makati North.

Website launches online campaign vs Erap allies

FILIPINO activists have launched an online campaign against allies of deposed President Joseph Estrada who are running for congressional seats in the May 14 elections.

Campaign director Vicente Romano said the local portal eLagda.com will be used to spread e-mail or text messages on mobile phones urging the public to drop opposition candidates led by Estrada's wife, Luisa Ejercito.

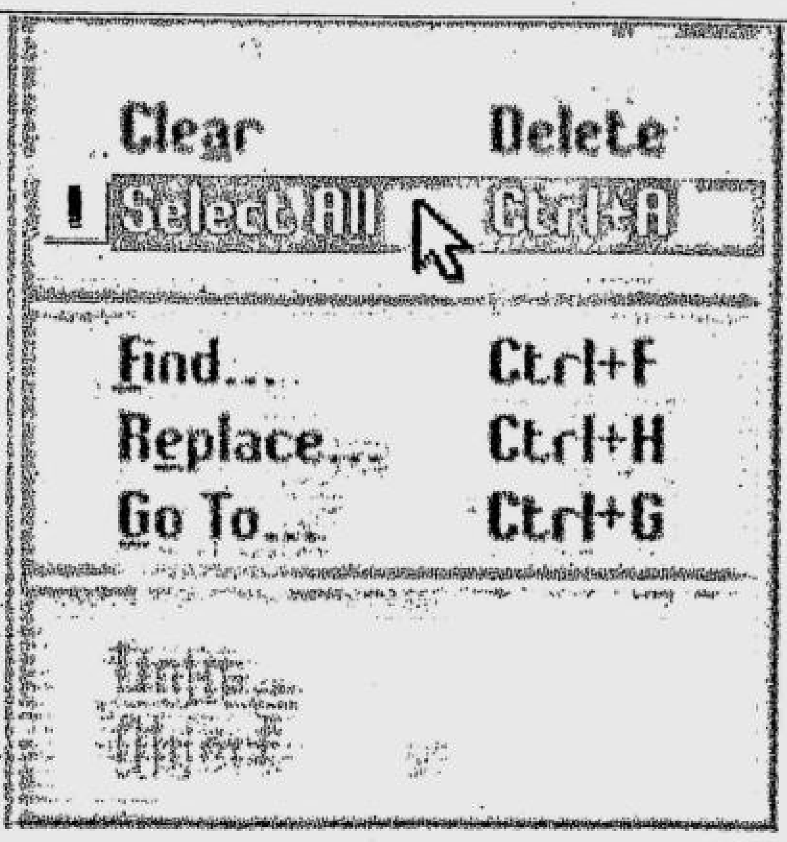
Romano said the campaign would marshal the 25,000 members of the portal's newsgroup to spread the messages.

From a one-page anti-Erap petition site, eLagda.com announced its transformation into a full-pledged vanguard site for good governance. Even though a few pages are still under construction, Romano relaunched the site last week to unveil three flagship projects. This is part of eLagda's commitment to "protect and advance the gains of People Power II."

ELagda has initiated three major projects. First, it has launched a "negative campaign" for the May 14 elections. Similar to the eMandirigma e-mail barrage that the site launched during the anti-Estrada campaigns, eLagda will also campaign via the Internet and text messaging against those who openly supported Estrada until his last days in Malacañang.

ELagda is also advocating voting rights for overseas Filipino workers. While this is already late for the coming May elections, Romano said that eLagda would work for its inclusion in the top 10 legislative agenda of the 12th Congress to ensure that this will be a reality by 2004.

The site also aims to become an anti-graft portal, allowing citizens to report incidents of harassment and corruption in government and to link with the appropriate agencies to initiate and monitor prosecution of such cases. The portal will also carry material critical of Estrada's candidates for downloading and reproduction, including satirical comic strips.



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